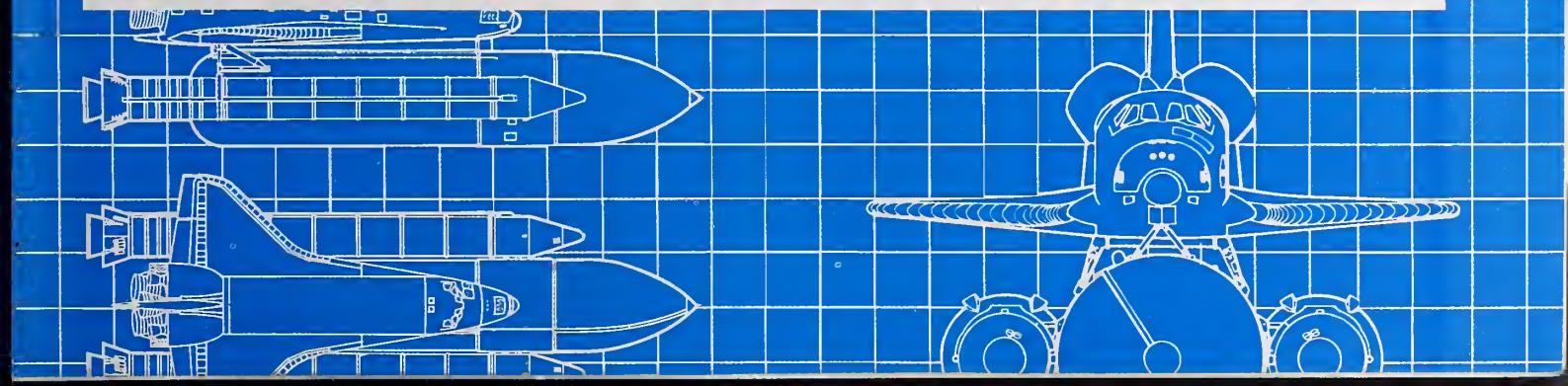


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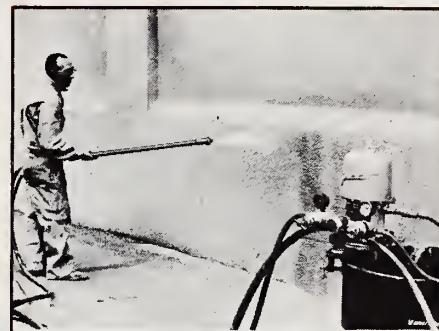
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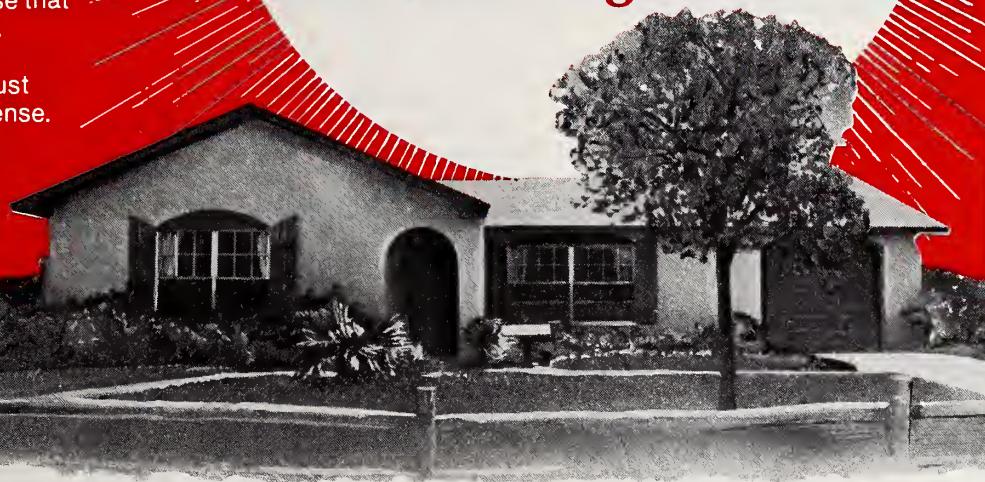
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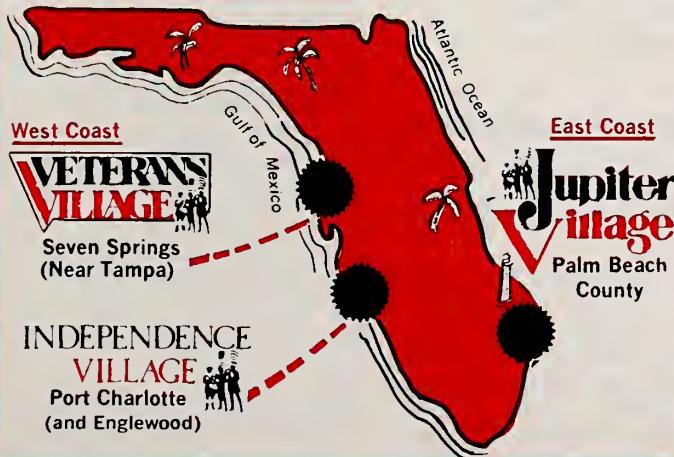
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Commander's Message

What Is Americanism?



Michael J. Kogutek

I am proud to be an American. I love my country and I believe in the dreams of its Founding Fathers. Those patriots of 200 years ago knew of tyranny, of obligation and duty, and of sacrifice firsthand. Those concepts were to them much more than noble-sounding rhetoric; they were the fountainhead of freedom.

Fifty-six of them laid their lives, the lives of their families, their liberty and their fortunes on the line when they signed the Declaration of Independence. Because of that act of courage—of genuine Americanism—a free nation was born. But it was not an easy birth. Nine of those who signed lost their lives in combat; 5 died as prisoners of war; 12 saw their homes burned to the ground; 17 lost everything they owned; and 2 lost their sons in the desperate fight for freedom. Each suffered in his own way because he believed in the dignity of the individual and in the destiny of America. They and people like them through the years have become part of our sacred heritage as Americans.

This is "Americanism Month." There is no organization today whose name is more closely linked in the minds of our citizens with genuine Americanism than is The American Legion. It is fitting that this be so because our membership is composed of men and women who assumed and exercised the highest responsibility

of citizenship: that of bearing arms in defense of America, her rights and her freedoms.

The blood of patriots flows in our veins. Just as they preserved our rights, privileges and honor by their sacrifices in time of war, we have done likewise for our own children. We know firsthand how great those sacrifices are in terms of precious lives, shed blood, maimed bodies and wrecked minds. As great as the cost of freedom has been in the past, we know the cost will be greater if there is to continue to be an all-American willingness to keep on paying whatever price liberty demands.

Our belief in the sanctity of human life, and our willingness to protect our government, no matter the cost, is part and parcel of the Americanism we celebrate this month. Moreover, it is the underlying foundation that supports all of The American Legion's programs.

But what, exactly, is Americanism? It is many things, but each of them begins with the fervent belief that all rights come to us from God. In the words of the 76th Congress as contained in a House report dealing with un-American activities: "Americanism is the recognition of the truth that the inherent and fun-

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damental rights of man are derived from God, and not from governments, societies, dictators, kings, or majorities . . ."

Reduced to its simplest terms, Americanism is an inspirational, sacrificial and unselfish love of country—it is the kind of patriotism that asks for all that is in the best interests of America. It was in this spirit that the founders of the Legion established the National Americanism Commission in November 1919. The commission was charged with fostering and perpetuating a 100 percent

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THE ONLY OFFICIAL PLAN!

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Our plan is decreasing term life insurance. Pure and simple. It simply provides only death benefits—the pure protection you need. There are no cash values, dividends or other extras which must result in higher priced coverage.

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And finally, the plan is available by mail only—a most efficient way to deliver quality insurance protection. Fact is, the plan has paid over \$34,000,000 in benefits to Legionnaires' beneficiaries since its official adoption in 1958.

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TURN PAGE TO FILL OUT APPLICATION AND MAIL TODAY! ►



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INSURANCE
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35-44	43,200	37,800	32,400	27,000	21,600	16,200	10,800	5,400
45-54	21,120	18,480	15,840	13,200	10,560	7,920	5,280	2,640
55-59	11,520	10,080	8,640	7,200	5,760	4,320	2,880	1,440
60-64	7,680	6,720	5,760	4,800	3,840	2,880	1,920	960
65-69	4,800	4,200	3,600	3,000	2,400	1,800	1,200	600
70-74*	3,168	2,772	2,376	1,980	1,584	1,188	792	396
75*-Over	2,400	2,100	1,800	1,500	1,200	900	600	300
Prorated Premium†	\$160	\$140	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20

*No persons age 70 or over (including those desiring additional coverage) will be accepted for new insurance.

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Full Name _____ Birth Date _____
Last _____ First _____ Middle _____ Mo. Day Year _____

Permanent Residence _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of Beneficiary _____ Relationship _____
Example: Print "Helen Louise Jones." Not "Mrs. H. L. Jones"

Membership Card No. _____ Year _____ Post No. _____ State _____

I apply for the number of units indicated:

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1. Present occupation? _____ Are you now actively working?
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Signature of _____
Dated _____, 19_____. Applicant _____
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(Univ.)

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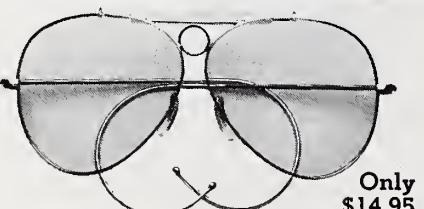
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The Star

• The message from Marjorie Holmes' article, "And Lo, The Star" (December), was a beautiful reflection of those yesteryears. It gave one a true sense of happiness to relive with her the simple and humble pleasures of that era. Then, also, one can look to the stars for renewed hope and strength.

HERBERT SCHULTZ
St. Paul, MN

• I wish to express my appreciation for the splendid story, "And Lo, The Star." This nostalgic little piece has made my Christmas season brighter.

MAUDE HOOD
Denton, TX

• Marjorie Holmes has revived wonderful memories for me. With such inspirational reading matter, your magazine is excellent.

DOROTHY E. CLARKSON
Pittsburgh, PA

• The December issue of your magazine has given me great reading pleasure. First there was "And Lo, The Star," followed by Lawrence Welk's "Morality Is Not A Fad." Excellent!

JOHN A. ERNEMAN
Coral Gables, FL

Morality

• Thank you for publishing the splendid and most timely article, "Morality Is Not A Fad" (December). The message is apropos and most needed at this time. I wish it could reach a much larger audience. More power to Lawrence Welk for maintaining his values.

PAUL D. FLEMING
Beaver City, NE

• Thank you and Lawrence Welk for the timely and profound message on our need for true values, as expressed in his article "Morality Is Not A Fad."

MARGUERITE BLOW
Putney, VT

• In expressing my thanks to you for the very moving article "Morality Is

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Not A Fad," my hope is that this living philosophy of a great figure will fall into the hands of large numbers of young people. Perhaps some of them will take Mr. Welk's views to heart.

MRS. DEAN W. ELSON
San Antonio, TX

• After 30 years of reading the magazine, I must say the December issue was super. Beginning with the excellent "Morality Is Not A Fad," I wish to thank Lawrence Welk for sharing his lifelong steadfastness in truth. "Telephones Do It All," together with "And Lo, The Star" were unique. "Energy From Heaven And Earth" may help in our effort to save our resources for future generations. So, from the front cover showing the tranquil scene of peace to the humor page, may I warmly congratulate you.

MARVIN KEMPE
Greenleaf, WI

I-Boats

• I have read with interest Edwin P. Hoyt's "Downfall Of The I-Boats" (December). However, one of the most spectacular encounters between a U.S. Naval vessel and a Japanese I-Boat was overlooked. In a classic battle, the enemy submarine I-9 fell victim to a gallant and aggressive subchaser, the USS PC-487, attached to the North Pacific Force. About 50 miles northeast of Attu in the Aleutians, her radar detected a partially surfaced submarine with two periscopes visible some 250 yards off the port bow. Steaming at 19 knots she hit the I-9 just forward of the conning tower. The subchaser seemed to stick and pivot on top of the submarine as though it would break in two, but the force of the impact rolled the doomed I-Boat over and the PC-487 slid free across her deck. Heavily damaged and with her forward compartments flooded, the PC-487 proceeded to Massacre Bay, Attu, for emergency repairs. The Japanese I-9 was a 1,950-ton cargo submarine and the PC-487 was a 450-ton, 173-foot steel subchaser. I haven't anything against the DDs, DEs or Corvettes, but PC was rugged duty!

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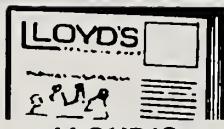
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Two Auto Accessories Could Cost More

Looking ahead to the upcoming heavy driving season, you can expect the following in two major automotive accessories:

Tires: Price hikes of 7 to 10 percent will be posted. This does not mean you automatically will have to pay that much more; dealers will trim tags when the competition is tough or inventories pile up. Even so, prices will be higher than a year ago.

Meantime, note that the all-season tire (which in most cases eliminated the use of snow tires) is catching on fast. Estimates are that in a few years the all-seasons will pick up about a third of the replacement market, and that more manufacturers will use them as original equipment on new cars.

Price of the all-seasons is about the same as quality radial tires. You can mix them with radials, but not bias plies or bias belteds. If you do mix, put them on the wheels that do the driving (normally the rear wheels, but in the case of front-wheel drive, they should go up front).

As for bias-type tires, their share of the market is dwindling (particularly the bias-plies, the low end of the line). More and more, they are being bought for cars that owners expect to trade in soon.

Batteries: Don't expect any bargains here. Sales this year should be strong. That's because: 1) many drivers have been trying to stretch the life of their batteries as long as possible, and now need replacements, and 2) the cold winter and hot summer of 1980 were hard on batteries.

Better Vistas For Contact Lense Wearers

Determined to capture a bigger share of the eyeglass market, contact-lens makers are coming up with a raft of improvements and innovations. Among them:

1. **Extended-wear lenses:** These should be on the market in the near future in the wake of expected government approval (they already have been okayed for people who have had cataract operations). Extended-wear lenses can be worn for weeks, even months, without the bother of daily removal.

2. **Disposable lenses:** Several manufacturers are experimenting with them, though high costs still are a barrier. The idea of throw-aways is to eliminate, 1) the fuss and expense of cleaning, and 2) the problem of lens loss.

Bifocal contacts, too, likely will be improved soon. Currently you can get them in the "hard" lens version only. If you prefer a "soft" lens, you have to settle for "mono vision," i.e., an arrangement in which one lens corrects for distance, the other for proximity (seemingly this setup would make you cock-eyed; but it works very well—your brain quickly adjusts to the dual stimuli).

Meantime, contact lenses now are available for most common eye deficiencies—near-sightedness, far-sightedness, astigmatism, or combinations thereof.

An important byproduct of all this activity is that the prices of contact lenses and cleaners are coming down appreciably.

Insurance Policies: Do's And Don'ts

Loans: Borrowing against the cash surrender value of your life insurance is a quick, inexpensive way to get funds. But watch out. Latest statistics by the American Council of Life Insurance show that a growing number of borrowers don't pay back, thereby clipping death payments to beneficiaries by about 26 percent. Another angle: If you maintain the life-insurance loan too long, interest payments will accumulate to the point when an initial bargain eventually becomes costly.

Double-Check: Examine your health-insurance policy to see if it covers payment for a second opinion prior to contemplated surgery. Most policies now do—in fact, some even cover third opinions. Take advantage of this feature, which could save you a trip to the hospital. Two types of operations that insurance experts say are often too hasty: Tonsillectomies and hysterectomies.

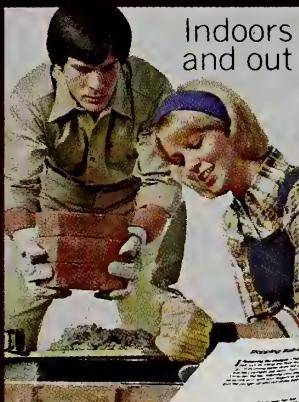
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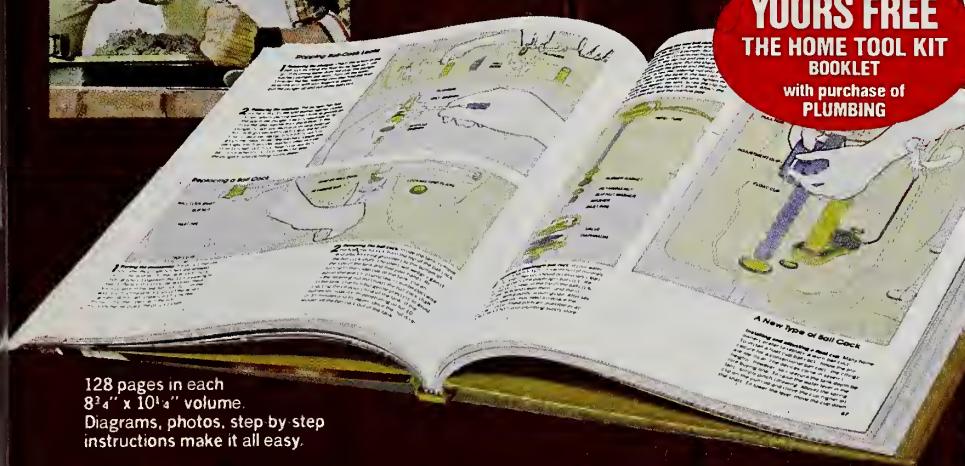
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Should Employers Who

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here and the hundreds of thousands more who come every year do not contribute to our excessively high rate of unemployment.

Illegal immigrants come to America for one reason: jobs. If they couldn't get jobs they wouldn't come to this country at anywhere near the numbers that they do now. American employers hire illegal immigrants for two reasons: 1) it's legal, and 2) it's profitable. If it weren't legal, I believe most American employers would obey the law and hire only American citizens and aliens who were legally entitled to work.

Today, by allowing American employers to hire people who are in the United States illegally, we are forcing American workers to compete for jobs with the rest of the world. Nobody denies that most illegal immigrants are good, conscientious workers. They work "scared and hard," as Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall wrote. Employers can pay them lower wages than they pay American workers and can require them to work excessive overtime or in substandard working conditions. Because illegal immigrants are afraid they will be deported if they are found, they will do almost anything to please their employers.

I don't think anyone in America should have to work under such conditions, under the fear that their employers will have them arrested and deported. And I don't think Americans should have to compete for jobs with a large surplus of workers who have those fears.

All over the country, from the recreational vehicle and timber industries on the West Coast, to garment and service occupations in the East, illegal aliens are robbing Americans of jobs.

I understand that unemployment in Mexico may be as high as 40 percent, and that allowing Mexicans to work here may be good for Mexico by relieving internal economic and social pressures. But we have some worker categories with almost 40 percent unemployment in our own country, and our primary concern must be for American workers who also have unresolved economic problems.

We must control illegal immigration and protect the American worker from having to compete with the rest of the world for jobs in America. This session, I am reintroducing the Fair Hiring Act, to penalize employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants and thereby penalize American workers.



Sen. Harrison
'Jack' Schmitt
(R-NM)

No. It would be a mistake to penalize employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens, particularly Mexican migrant workers. Approximately 85 percent of such workers are employed in businesses with no domestic labor supply, particularly small businesses and labor intensive agriculture. Much of the labor by these workers is of a type that is not sought by the U.S. work force.

Penalties also would intensify existing discrimination against Americans of Hispanic origin. To address the problem of illegal worker migration I have introduced the "Compañeros Bill" which would create a temporary worker program (S. 1427, the United States-Mexico Good Neighbor Act). This legislation would provide for the legal supply of labor needed in the U.S., while also being a direct, people-to-people form of "foreign aid" and a means of training large numbers of future workers for Mexico's growing economy.

Under the provisions of the bill, the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of State, would set up a program of temporary worker visas. Acting in consultation with the Secretaries of Agriculture, Labor and Commerce, the Attorney General would establish annual and monthly quotas for temporary worker visas based on need over-and-above available domestic labor. These visas would be issued by U.S. Consulates in Mexico on a first-come-first-serve basis. The Mexican national holding such a visa would then be eligible to spend up to six or eight months in the United States seeking or working at any type of job.

Clearly different from the old "Bracero" program, the legislation does not place any discriminatory geographical or contractual restraints on where the visa holder may seek employment.

There is, however, a provision designed to help protect American workers at any given work location from unreasonable labor competition. The Secretary of Labor, under specific guidelines, could make a finding that at a specific business or agricultural site, there are sufficient qualified and willing domestic workers available. If so, Mexican nationals holding temporary visas would be restricted from working at that site. Visa holders who do not comply with its covenant will be subject to penalties. However, they will also be protected by U.S. laws providing for decent working conditions and needed social services.

Perhaps those who will suffer most under the Compañeros program are the ruthless smugglers of illegal aliens who will no longer be needed as access to the United States is facilitated.

We must take a positive step toward turning our proximity to our close neighbor, Mexico, into opportunity; our neighbors into better friends.

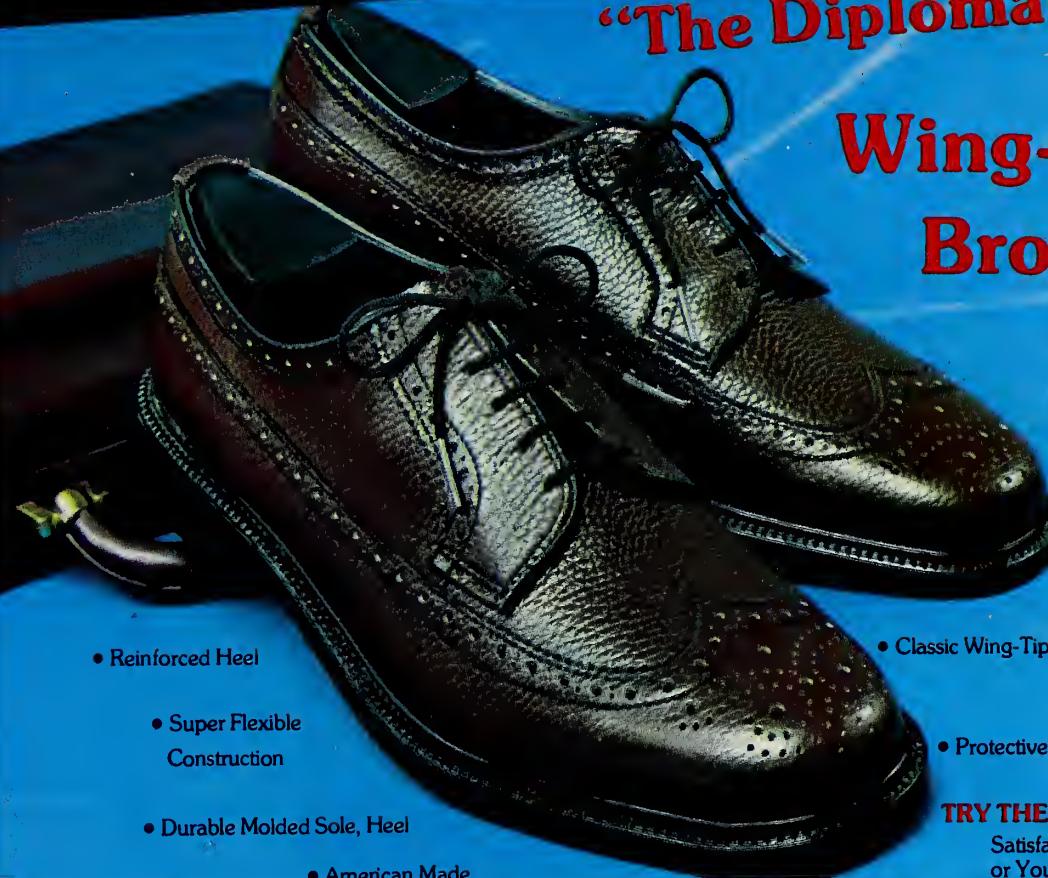
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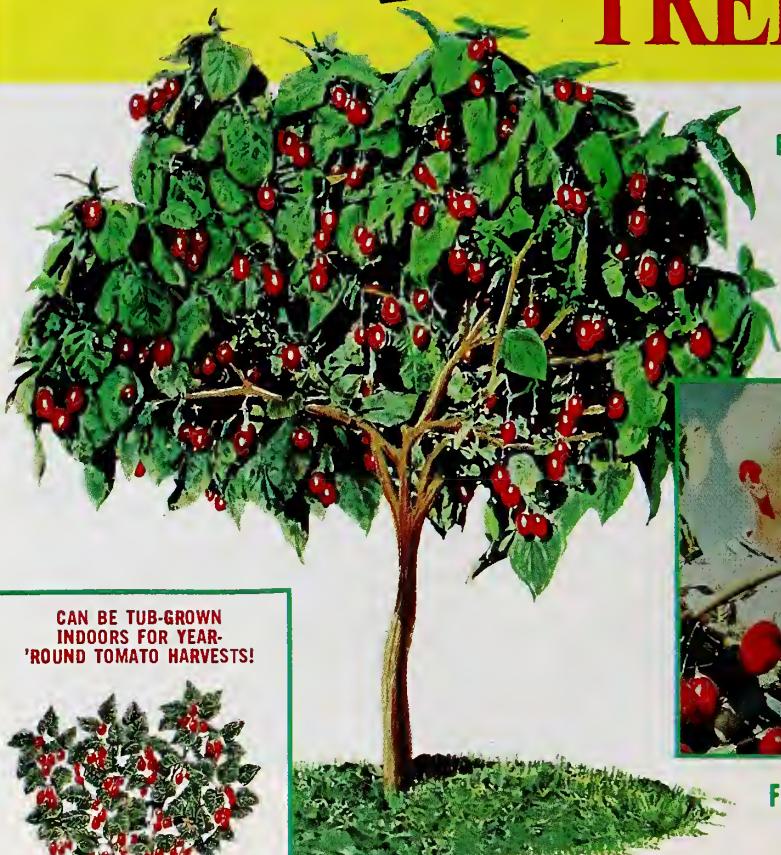
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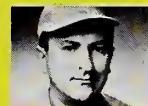
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From Coast to Coast
People Write to
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Dateline Washington

Science Training Declines in U.S.

U.S. educational training in the disciplines of science, mathematics and engineering is not keeping pace with the rest of the world, according to a government report.

The National Science Foundation and the Department of Education recently concluded that graduating students are unprepared for today's technologically oriented society as a result of reduced academic standards, especially in the sciences, and teacher shortages at the secondary and higher educational levels. The study found that training is particularly lacking for students who do not intend to specialize in a scientific discipline.

This recent decline in emphasis is a reversal of our commitment in the late '50s to science and space exploration. On the other hand, Germany, Japan and the Soviet Union have been intensifying their educational efforts in science and math. As a result, those countries might gain over the United States in tomorrow's military and industrial competition.

FTC Eyes Vision Care Industry

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is investigating the vision care industry with an eye toward recommending relaxation of state and private restrictions. This is a turn about for the FTC, which business officials often criticize for over-regulation.

The \$4 billion eyeglass industry, including optometrists, ophthalmologists and opticians, is largely regulated by state and self-imposed laws. The FTC thinks some of those regulations might be unnecessarily driving up the cost of eyeglasses and vision care. Some recommendations being considered are the lifting of bans on the number of branch offices an ophthalmologist may operate, the easing of limitations as to where he may locate his office and the relaxation of regulations prohibiting opticians and eye doctors from working together.

The FTC says its recommendations will help the consumer by keeping prices reasonable for eyeglasses, without compromising quality.

Police Urged To Share Powers

A key to preventing urban riots, such as the mid-1980 Miami eruption, is commitment by the police department to sharing with the community its powers for maintenance of order. Without building up a working relationship with the neighborhood, the police will find themselves alone when a city breaks out in violence.

This is one of the findings in a study prepared for the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. The study calls for the development of trained personnel to keep on the alert for indications of incipient eruptions, such as fighting between groups of citizens, assaults on police, and refusal of citizens to assist police in trouble.

Keeping peace in the community, the report asserts, is a full-time job, requiring continuous cooperation by the police with community organizations and ongoing monitoring of trouble signs. The absence of major urban outbreaks during the past few years has created a false expectation that city riots are a thing of the past, the report warns.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

Changing Course—"Basically, I want to change the course we've been on in which Washington was seen as the answer to all the problems. I want to restore the balance between the different levels of government that has been so distorted in these recent decades . . ." President Ronald Reagan.

Armed From Top To Tail—" . . . The Soviet Union is like a huge, primitive dinosaur, with a small brain, but armed from top to tail." Galina Orionova, Russian defector.

Army's Biggest Challenge—"I think the biggest challenge that I face and the Army faces—and one on which I think we're beginning to make some headway—is insuring that the Army is flexible enough to respond to challenges around the world without losing its focus on the Central European demands . . ." Gen. Edward C. Meyer, chief of staff of the Army.

Oops, A New Invention—" . . . You don't create new inventions by anything logical; you grope around and combine silly ideas, and suddenly two good ones get together, and you say, 'Oops! That looks good.'" Jacob Rabinow, engineer and inventor, Nat'l Bureau of Standards.

People Want Hope—"People want a politics of hope. You get bad news every night on the television. You don't want to get any more bad news from politicians . . ." Sen. Paula Hawkins (R-FL).

Social Growth's Limits—"The growth of social programs can no longer exceed the growth of the business on which they finally depend . . ." David Rockefeller, chairman, Chase Manhattan Bank.

Let's See What We Can Do—"I think we ought to quit putting ourselves on a psychoanalyst's couch and forget it. We are a big, grown-up country; why do we worry about our self-image all the time? The problem is to have a reasonable, steady government, to have policies which are clearly enunciated, to recognize that we live in a world with very few absolutes and to see what we can do from there . . ." Former Under Sec'y of State George Ball.

Asks U.S. Leadership—" . . . I am one of those who have asked for American leadership in quite a few instances during the last 20 years. I am looking forward to American leadership." Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, West Germany.

Managing Foreign Policy—"So the management of foreign policy becomes the bottom line, and it's that management that will determine the availability, the reliability, the amount and the price of oil . . ." Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-WA).

What Socialism Needs—"Democracy is not a gesture of the authorities, but a great and growing need of socialism . . ." Stanislaw Kania, leader of Poland's Communist Party Central Committee.

Vision Of The New World—"The myth of the New World is a glittering vision still. It is part of the American world because we believe America to be the New World. The grandeur and the potentialities of the myth of the New World are still obvious to Americans . . ." James Oliver Robertson, history professor, Univ. of CT.

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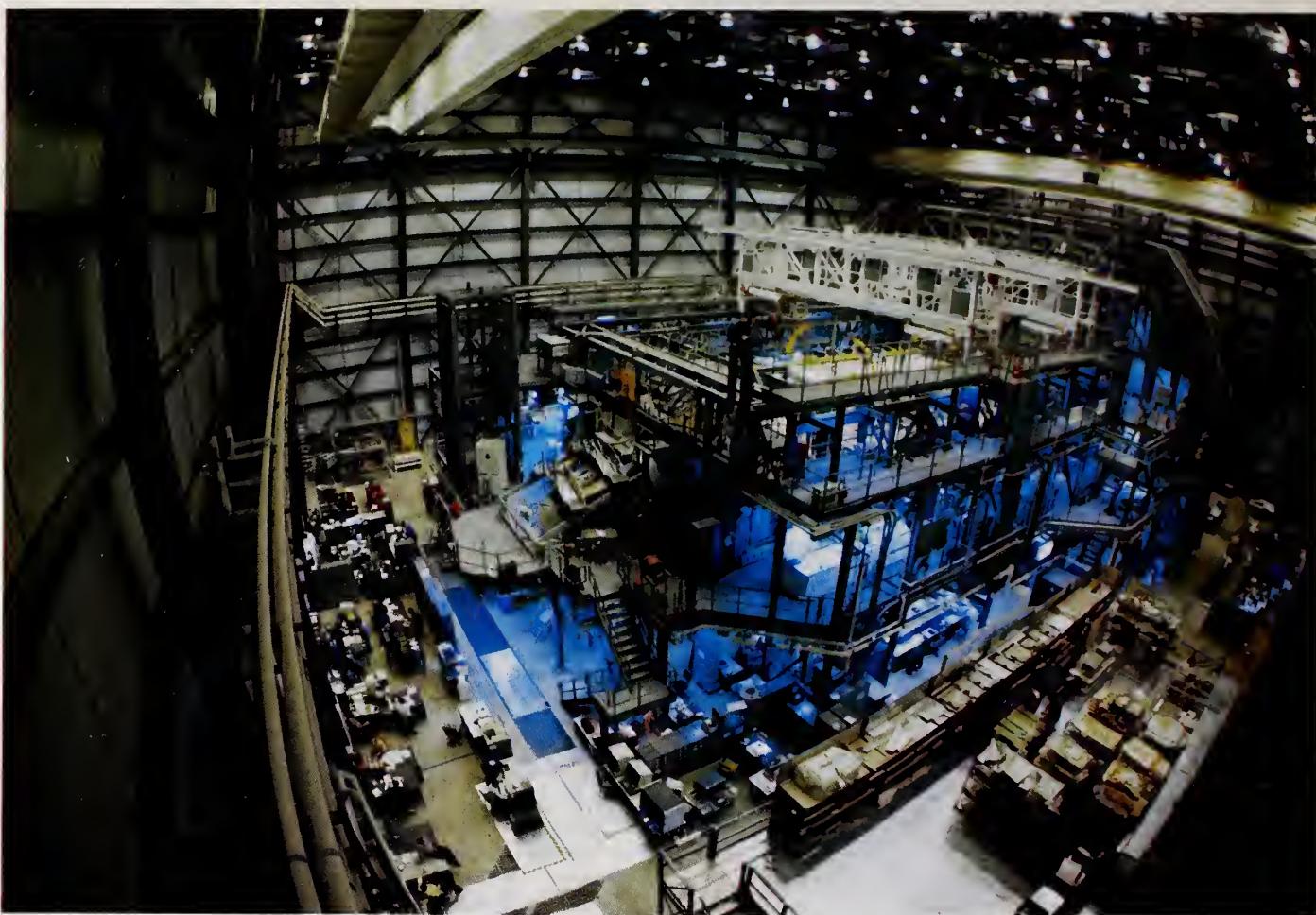
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Troubled Bird That Wants To Fly

Space travel will be routine if "Columbia" can overcome its problems

By Philip C. Clarke

Early this year, if all systems are "go," Astronauts John W. Young and Robert L. Crippen will blast off from Kennedy Space Center (Cape Canaveral, FL) aboard one of the most awesome contraptions ever assembled. Bolted to their plump-bellied, swept-wing spacecraft—its exterior a patchwork of more than 30,000 heat-resistant black and white "tiles"—will be a pair of 15-story-tall rocket boosters plus a half-million-gallon fuel tank bigger than a railway freight car.

Precisely at two minutes into the thundering flight, the solid-fuel boosters will drop into the ocean to be recovered by a vessel guided to the spot by radio signals emitted from the reusable rockets. The spaceship's three main rocket engines, spouting thrust power equal to 23



Hoover Dams, will continue firing for eight minutes and then the fuel tank will be jettisoned and two small on-board maneuvering engines will take over.

Seconds later, the Space Shuttle *Columbia* will soar majestically into orbit 172 miles above earth, carrying with it the first Americans to enter space since the U.S.-Soviet Apollo/Soyuz mission in July 1975.

This feat will herald the start of a challenging era in man's conquest and utilization of space. It also will be America's long-delayed answer to the Soviet Union's six-year domination of manned space activity. Since 1975, the Soviets have rocketed more than three dozen men into orbit, to our zero.

America's *Columbia* is expected to reverse that trend. Overcoming problems that have plagued construction and delayed the initial launch by three years, the Shuttle promises to give the United States the lead in making the use of space both routine and profitable. Our astronauts will be flying the first fully *reusable* space "commuter" vehicle, a half-billion dollar technological marvel combining the characteristics of a rocket, a plane, a spaceship and, on its return, a heavy glider.

Plans call for four Shuttles to be operating by early 1985. The Soviets are not expected to have a comparable craft until late in the decade.

Columbia's liftoff will be the most demanding ever attempted. Never before has a winged vehicle accelerated from zero to Mach 25 (25 times the speed of sound) in just nine minutes! Before reaching orbit at 17,500 miles per hour, *Columbia* will have shattered the highest velocity record ever attained by any aircraft. Moreover, not even the mighty Saturn 5 moon rocket produced the high-in-

tensity shockwaves that will hammer the spaceship as it roars off its launch pad with an eardrum-piercing 6.4-million pounds of total thrust.

After their breathtaking nine-minute ride into space at three times the force of gravity, the astronauts will level off and circle the Earth 36 times. In periodic radio contact with Johnson Space Center in Houston, Young and Crippen will complete a detailed checklist that will keep both men busy throughout the 54½-hour flight. Although alternate eight-hour rest periods are included, neither astronaut expects to spend much time in the Shuttle's "sleep station."

Five key areas must be checked out: avionics, mechanics, propulsion, crew and spacecraft "compatibility," and "thermal vacuum" readouts indicating how the on-board systems are withstanding space environment.

"... by the end of the century, Shuttle-based explorers will embark on expeditions to the planets."

Their orbital mission accomplished, Young and Crippen will "slow" *Columbia* into the earth's atmosphere at 26 times the speed of sound. After a "fireball" reentry that blacks out radio contact for anxious moments, the two crewmen will descend toward the runway at an incline three times as steep as an ordinary jetliner and land, powerless, at 210 miles per hour.

The first four landings will be at Edwards AFB, CA, which has one of the world's longest runways; if the weather is bad, at the White Sands, NM, desert missile range. The Co-

lumbia will then be ferried, piggy-back, to its home base in Florida where ground crews will quickly, but carefully, inspect and service the big "bird," load it with fresh "space freight," and mate it to the rocket boosters and a new fuel tank for another round trip in space.

Their goal is to turn the Shuttle around on the ground in 160 hours, a target that seems unrealistic until landings begin at the Kennedy Space Center's new, three-mile runway in 1982. Once all four Shuttles are operating in the mid-1980s, however, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) hopes to schedule 50 or more flights a year.

Columbia is far more complex than anything ever flown before. Built to last through at least 100 space round trips, the 75-ton Shuttle comes equipped with 49 engines, 23 antennas, five computers and live-in accommodations for up to three crew members and four passengers in a comfortable "shirt-sleeve" environment for as long as 30 days. Future flights will provide a 70-item menu, exercise equipment, stereos and self-contained space suits in case an astronaut wants to take an EVA—extra vehicular activity—stroll outside the Shuttle.

Roughly the size of a DC-9 jetliner, the thick-bodied, delta-shaped Shuttle can transport men and material as deep as 700 miles into space. Its cargo compartment, about the size of a large trailer truck, will hold 30 tons of payload. As many as four unmanned satellites or space vehicles can be carried on a single mission.

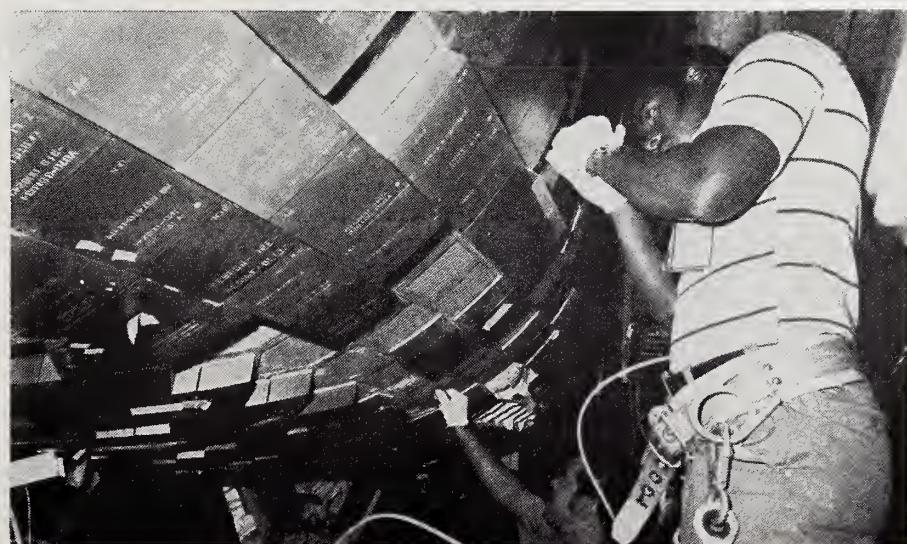
Two hinged doors swing open to expose the entire upper half of the cargo bay to space environment. This bay will accommodate a fully equipped scientific laboratory—the

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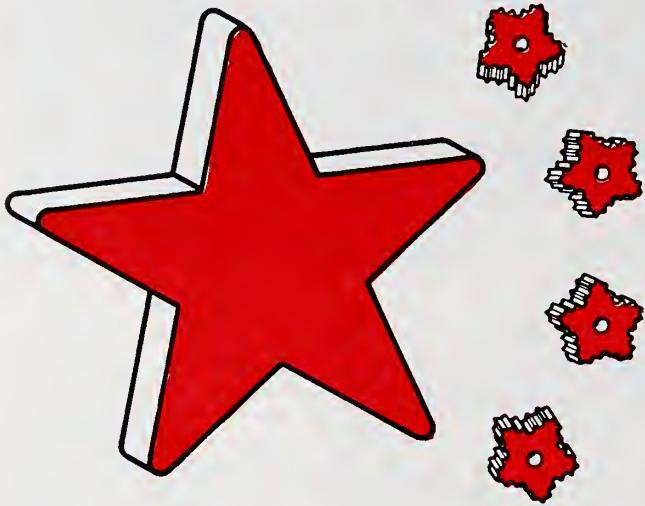
(Opposite page) Surrounded by scaffolds, technicians and test equipment, the Space Shuttle receives its final touches in the assembly plant.

Astronauts Robert L. Crippen (left) and John W. Young expect to fly the Shuttle in March. Exclusive interview with the astronauts begins on page 54.

A tile worker (right) is using a non-metallic scraper to clean tile cavities on the lower forward fuselage of Columbia.



China's Longest March



An industrialized China could become a colossus bestriding the world

By Ernest Cuneo

The Communist Party of Red China has reached the most momentous decision in the history of the Chinese people. The Red Dragon has begun to seek industrial claws: to plunge China into a crash program of industrialization aimed at matching and exceeding the industrial capacity of its present menace, the Communist leadership of Russia. Frightened Red China believes that Russia is surrounding her, imminently intent on preventive war to keep the Chinese from developing their industrial might.

The threat Russia perceives is also real. Since China's resource-laden area is slightly larger than the United States and the near-billion Chinese are 95 percent literate, she has the potential of becoming the mightiest industrial power in the world.



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But until that comes to pass, Red China fears the wrath of the Soviet Union and believes that any assistance she receives from the U.S. will be "too little, too late." So desperate does Red China regard her plight that she has turned for help to Japan, her ancient and mortal enemy.

Thus, it is highly significant that for the very first time in recorded history, a Chinese Chief of State, Chairman Hua, has visited Japan. It is even more significant that simultaneously Peking announced it had successfully completed tests of a Chinese intercontinental missile with accuracy pegged at 6,500 miles. Up until that time, China's missiles were of intermediate range only. Hence, Peking's announcement of the gigantic ICBM is blunt warning to Moscow that all of Russia, including her major industrial cities, are now within range of China's nuclear arsenal.

Historically, nowhere do the riptides of industrial power meet in more savage vortex than in the Pacific Northwest of Asia.

In the 6,000 years preceding the Industrial Revolution, the teeming millions of China and Japan achieved magnificent civilizations which left European Marco Polo goggle-eyed at their wealth. These great civilizations built by artisans and peasants became prey to industrialized nations.

In the mid-19th century, the Industrial Revolution



Always fearful of a Russian attack, Chinese frontier forces (left) brave sub-zero weather to guard China's remote borders. (below) China's march into the 20th century requires the skills of her entire work force.



touched off a stampede of imperialistic rapacity by European powers. Rich and utterly defenseless China was a chief victim, a beautiful antelope attacked by a pride of lions. France got Indochina, the British got Hong Kong and the South China Cantonese trade, and Germany got China's Shantung Province and the north China trade. Russia formally extorted all of the vast Pacific Northeast and Northwest, then she moved south along the coast to tear off the Pacific Maritime Provinces.

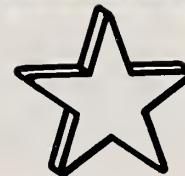
Great Britain by sea and Russia by land developed a mortal Asiatic rivalry which was called "The Great Game" because its prize was the riches of the Orient.

The United States inadvertently gave Great Britain the upper hand when Commodore Matthew C. Perry forced Japan, literally at gun point, to open her doors to trade in 1854. Great Britain rushed through Japan's open doors. To block Russia in Asia, Great Britain transformed Japan into a mighty industrial nation within 40 years.

Further, in 1895, Japan's British-trained fleet of modern dreadnaughts crushed China by sea and grabbed Korea and Taiwan. Japan and Russia were now glaring eyeball-to-eyeball across the Korean border. The showdown came in 1905. The Japanese Navy simply annihilated the Russian Navy at the great Battle of (Continued on page 42)



A Japanese expert gives on-the-job training to workers in a Chinese oxygen plant located at the site of an iron and steel company.





The Forgotten Art Of Haggling

The courage to bargain, even argue, may put you dollars ahead



By Barbara Lewis

It's been called dickering and bickering, bargaining and bartering, wrangling and wangling. Essentially, it's arguing about the price of an item.

Despite Americans once being adept at haggling, it's become an obsolete and forgotten art in our part of the world. Not so in other countries where the purchase of a product is virtually prohibited unless preceded by at least several minutes of intense bickering. A sale is simply not complete unless both parties indulge in a traditional haggle.

In all honesty, I admit I've saved thousands of dollars by adopting this outmoded practice. It began when my father was stationed at the air base in Madrid, Spain. We had been living there for a short time when I treated myself to a shopping spree. Returning home, I was greeted by a friend.

"How did you like haggling for everything? Did you get some good bargains?" she fired.

"Huh?" I responded.

Quickly, I was given a crash course. It was simple. Take the listed price on an article and don't pay more than about half. Start at a haggling price well below that point and be prepared to walk out of the store if the propri-

etor doesn't meet your final offer.

"Don't forget to say," she said, "that the item's not worth the price, it's really not what you're looking for, and you can get it cheaper elsewhere."

Armed with this knowledge, I set off for my second foreign shopping excursion. As I wandered among the tiny shops trying to get enough nerve to start this inane bargaining process, I saw a handwritten sheet of music which intrigued me. It had been torn from a book and the parchment appeared ancient.

I could almost see the pesetas dancing in the owner's eyes as he sized me up as an American who didn't know the art of haggling. I mentally calculated my final price and then made an offer of much less. He laughed.

"I don't know what I need this for, but I'll consider paying slightly more," I said.

"This is 500 years old," he retorted. "But for you, I'll go down to my bottom price."

"Actually, I'm looking for something a little newer," I lied.

And on and on it went. To my embarrassment, he pulled out pictures of his children and told me they had to be fed and clothed. I stood my ground. After making my final offer, I headed toward the door.

"Señorita," he called to me as I started to cross the street. "I wouldn't want anyone else to have this except you."

Suddenly I realized that haggling was a way of life. While some Americans living abroad paid "list price" because it was bothersome to bargain, others found it challenging. I fell into the latter group and bargaining became habit.

When I returned to the United States, I found myself haggling in stores. Of course, Sears is not the place to do this and will get you nowhere fast, except maybe an escort out the door.

But other small businesses where the owner or manager is available will sometimes yield to a persistent offer to pay a cheaper price.

One of my first stateside haggling experiences involved a well-known national shoe chain. The store was deserted and I was greeted like a long-lost cousin by the manager.

"We must be his first customers of the day," I mentioned to my son, who was panting over an expensive pair of sneakers. Since he needed both shoes and sneakers, I made the manager an offer.

"If you give me two dollars off the price of the sneakers, I'll purchase



a pair of shoes, also." If he had said, "No," I would have bought only the sneakers. But he said, "Yes," and I walked out with two boxes.

That was the beginning of a long list of American businesses with which I've haggled. Throughout the years, I've developed a few guidelines:

1. Shop around. Unless I know what the competition is charging, it's difficult to bargain. Bluffing doesn't work.

2. Decide on a fair price. If I really need something, I may be willing to pay more than I would for a luxury.

3. Be prepared to take your business elsewhere. Many people will sell something a little cheaper rather than not make the sale at all.

4. Haggle only with the owner or the manager. Rarely can clerks make pricing decisions.

5. Support your local business. I always give a nearby business the opportunity to undercut a business located farther away.

6. Haggle alone. Don't begin price negotiations while other customers are around.

The following true incident describes a typical method of haggling. A veterinarian suggested a special diet for my dog. After calling a dozen

area stores, I found that the cost of the particular dog food varied considerably. The cheapest store was a 15-minute drive from my home. Another was closer, but more expensive. I telephoned the owner and told him if he matched the farther pet store's price, I would buy the food from him.

The owner knew the other store's price and accepted my offer.

Anyone who works on commission is likely to be in a position to bargain.

"To my embarrassment, he pulled out pictures of his children and told me they had to be fed and clothed."

This includes real estate people, car dealers and furniture and appliance salesmen. Tailors, landscapers, caterers and hairdressers also are sometimes open for price negotiations. Even banks are susceptible to bargaining.

One of my favorite places to haggle is car repair shops. When my car needed a new muffler, I bristled at the price I was quoted. "That's an expensive muffler," I said, "especially

considering the fact that there is no guarantee on the work."

"You can go down the road and pay twice as much and get a guarantee," commented the manager.

Then I made my offer: "If you take a few dollars off the price, I'll settle for a muffler without a guarantee." Since the place was not swimming with customers and I was ready to leave, he consented.

In another incident, my car battery died when I was parked near a garage. The owner said the charge would be \$7.00 to tow my car across the street.

"It seems unfair," I began, "that a person can be towed from across town for the price it costs someone sitting across the street."

But the owner wouldn't budge. "I can't charge you less," he said, "because all my customers would expect it and I wouldn't make money." I walked out the door, but within seconds he matched my strides.

"O.K., I won't charge you. I couldn't say anything in front of my other customers."

Another haggling experience occurred during a sweltering day in my housing development. Each house had the same type air conditioning

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The Once And Future Fuel

What was once scrap wood has become a valuable energy source

By Gary Turbak

On June 6, 1979, researchers in Albany, OR, turned a spigot and out came oil—oil made from wood. The process literally turns trees into oil. Scientists treat wood chips with a catalyst under pressure at high temperature and create liquid energy from wood. This black gold is just one product of the new U.S. interest in wood—the once and future fuel.

Time was when wood energy embarrassed Americans. "Got any outhouses or woodburners?" the census taker would ask in a single query.

"Nope, not us," boasted the homeowner. "We've got a flush toilet, natural gas, and electric range. No wood burned here."

Times have changed. Outhouses are still out, but wood is very in. Five million U.S. homes now sport a woodburner and homeowners install about a million more each year. Experts say this woodburning boom could continue for another decade.

Remember the dirty, temperamental smoke belcher that once graced every parlor? Each one looked like the next, and they all got hauled to the dump about the time fuel oil and natural gas became plentiful and cheap? Well, forget 'em!

Today, burners of wood may choose from among 1,500 devices. The cast iron, steel, soapstone, ceramic, glass, and brick burners come in old and modern styles and even in decorator colors. Automatic thermostats, airtight draft controls, and built-in fans render the woodburner of the '80s considerably more efficient than grandpa's old black box.

And considerably more popular, too. Two woodburners blaze away in the White House and four at Camp David. Home wood use has expanded 15 percent each year since

the 1973 oil embargo, and in some areas—notably New England—nearly a fifth of the homes are now heated with wood.

The same factor that led to wood's demise a few decades back has ushered in its recent resurrection: the price of fossil fuels. When gas and oil (and the electricity they generated) were cheap, wood was a boomer. As the cost of these fuels rose, wood's appeal suddenly returned—and not just with the homeowner in Maine or Montana. Industries, utilities, retail stores, hospitals, scientists, and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) all have taken a second look at the old fuel that grows on trees.

The wood products industry leads the way. Many lumber mills, pulp plants and wood manufacturers heat

additional 50-megawatt woodburner. By the time that generator becomes operational, Burlington will be spending about \$30,000 per day for fuel—money that will circulate in Vermont, not the Middle East.

In Alexander City, AL, the Russell Textile Corporation annually replaces six million gallons of oil with 120,000 tons of wood. The firm expects the multi-million dollar project to pay for itself in five years.

The Dow Corning Corporation in Midland, MI, saves half a million barrels of oil a year by burning wood. Diseased elm trees have fueled the boilers of Detroit schools. A shopping center in Williamstown, VT, cut its yearly heating costs from \$24,000 to \$850 by switching to wood . . . and the list goes on.

Today, wood serves best simply by being tossed in a fire and burned. That likely will not be the case for long. "Right now," says Roger Arola of the U.S. Forest Service, "we're in the initial stages of the second wood-energy age." Another observer has called this the "Model-T era" of wood energy.

One recent development is the pelletizing of wood. Several firms now turn waste wood into such a fuel. The pellets' uniformity allows them to be used where irregular pieces of wood prove impractical. Washington's Western State Hospital burns 50 tons of pellets a day at an annual saving (over coal) of \$75,000. By switching to wood, the hospital also eliminated the need for \$200,000 worth of pollution control equipment.

Technology is now looking beyond mere combustion for ways to use wood. The pilot project in Albany, OR, turns 900 pounds of wood chips into a barrel of fuel oil. Researchers from the Lawrence Berkeley Labora-

"Before long, many motorists may be replacing the tiger in their tanks with a tree."

their facilities and generate their own electricity with wood. What was once scrap and waste has become valuable fuel. As a whole, the industry supplies itself with nearly half of all the energy it uses.

In 1978, Burlington, VT, experimentally converted one of its municipal electric generators to wood use after coal and oil prices jumped as much as 600 percent. Power generation costs dropped 25 percent, giving the utility the lowest consumer rates in the Northeast.

Soon, another 10-megawatt, wood-fired generator went on line. Burlington voters have since approved an \$80 million bond issue to finance an

tory in California direct the program and hope by the end of 1981 to have a full-size demonstration plant in operation. It's also an attainable goal, they say, to keep the cost of the fuel under that of imported oil.

"It won't solve the energy problem," says project director Sabri Ergun, "but it will help." Ergun calculates that enough recoverable biomass (mostly wood, but also such agricultural wastes as corn husks and straw) exists to produce 260 million barrels of oil per year. That's about 8 percent of U.S. imports.

Alcohol and wood gas are two more fuels hiding in the woodpile. Wood is the original source of methanol (wood alcohol), and the cellulose in trees will also produce ethanol (grain alcohol). It's ethanol that's combined with gasoline to create gasohol, and the Mobil Oil Corporation has developed a catalytic process for converting methanol to gasoline. Before long, many motorists may be replacing the tiger in their tanks with a tree.

Wood is a natural for America. Legend has it that when the pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, a frightened squirrel started traveling west through the treetops and didn't stop until it reached the Pacific. While that is an exaggeration, colonial America did possess huge forest resources and most remain intact.

About 740 million U.S. acres—an area larger than all the states east of the Mississippi combined—are wooded. Some states stand almost totally in the shade. Maine is 90 percent forested; New Hampshire, 86 percent; and Vermont, 75 percent. Surprisingly, 60 percent of Rhode Island is wooded, 56 percent of New York, and even 40 percent of New Jersey. The Northwest and South-

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Baron Manfred von Richthofen

**Allied pilots
of the Great War
called him**

Le Diable Rouge

By James Haviland

They killed the Red Baron more than 60 years ago, but gave birth to a legend. World War I's top air ace, known to many Allied pilots as Le Diable Rouge (The Red Devil), has become a folk hero.

Baron Manfred von Richthofen shot down 80 enemy planes for Imperial Germany before being gunned down himself over the Western front. Only 25 years old, he became in death a haunting legend that has outlived virtually all his comrades and enemies.

Countless tales have extolled his skills and cast him as a Wagnerian hero. Although he was our enemy in World War I, von Richthofen's prowess is almost as highly regarded here

as in his native Germany. Part of his mystique is attributable to the love people have for heroes, especially those with a sinister or deadly side.

Von Richthofen wasn't an exceptionally skilled pilot, but in the air he proved an excellent hunter. Enemy planes—and their pilots—were to him much the same as the boars, deer or pheasants he hunted near his home in Prussia. His killer instinct reaped one victory after another, as well as mushrooming notoriety. The German government beat the publicity drums. With the war going sour, Berlin turned the Red Baron into a folk hero on the home front.

Helping popularize the Red Baron in recent years has been Snoopy in Charles M. Schulz's comic strip "Peanuts."

In his dream, Snoopy is attired in the leather cap, goggles and silk scarf of an Allied pilot in World War I. He sits happily atop his doghouse, which he imagines is a British Sopwith Camel biplane flying high over France in search of the infamous Red Baron. Suddenly, a hail of bullets—coming from above and behind—rips into the Sopwith doghouse.

Snoopy glares over his shoulder at the relentless attacker. "Curse you, Red Baron," he shouts as his smok-



World War I Imperial German pilot's insignia

ing doghouse spins dizzily out of control and the nightmare ends.

Nostalgia also contributes to von Richthofen's notoriety. World War I was fought in an era when fame and glory went to a new kind of warrior: knights-errant who made the sky and clouds their private battleground. Their field of honor was the air above the shell-churned mud, the pristine clouds above the bloodied battlefield.

A generation later, World War II produced aces who downed far more planes than von Richthofen. One of them was German Major Erich Hartmann, a top marksman with 352 kills. But war had changed. Gone was the allure of the Red Baron's era.

A vital part of the cult of the World War I fliers was the "purity" of their war. After the Somme in 1916, a new kind of shell-pocked battlefield was born. Filth, boredom and despair became the masters of trench warfare. Chivalric pictures of conflict survived only in the sky where the knights of the air in their primitive flying machines preserved the flavor of man-to-man conflict. Von Richthofen was the best and he was lionized. Allied airmen respected him as "our most worthy enemy." They praised his icy nerves, lightning reflexes and deadly aim.

That era of lone, daring pilots—symbolized by the Red Baron—was but a moment in history. Many men, especially those who have seen military service, wish they had been able to perform such feats. Decades later they still dream about the exploits of those airborne swashbucklers of long ago who pursued men and planes, not blips on radar screens.

Von Richthofen was the last of the knights of combat. And they *were* knights—not because they treated each other chivalrously, but because they had chosen a profession "ordinary" men respected yet lacked the ability or courage to pursue.

World War I fliers organized into elite groups such as the Lafayette Escadrille and Flying Circus, and touted their "individual" combat. They were revered by millions—even by the regimented ground troops who fought an impersonal war in the trenches, potential victims of mass bombardment, gas or machine guns.

When World War I began, the air-



An early World War I photograph of the squadron in which von Richthofen flew before he achieved notoriety as a German ace. His plane is second from the front.



"...he often swooped low and machine-gunned the airmen as they struggled out of their wrecks."



plane was used primarily as a scout, with the fliers leaning out of their cockpits trying to shoot enemy aviators with pistols. The invention of the synchronized machine gun capable of firing through a propeller without striking the blades multiplied the airplane's attack potential.

With only a few hours solo time, the World War I pilots zoomed aloft in their rickety planes that were little more than motorized kites. Made of wood and covered with cloth, these aircraft were held together with thin wire. Their clattering machine guns were primitive and often jammed. Pilots flew almost without instruments. The small, uncertain engines frequently sputtered ominously, giving off dismaying trails of oil and blue smoke. Some—like the Fokker triplane, always painted flaming red, and favored by von Richthofen—

would collapse in flight for no apparent reason. Others lost wings in dives or tore apart making tight turns. Painted with dope—similar to that used on model airplanes—they were highly flammable and frequently burst into flames when hit by enemy fire. And when these early pilots fell, they plummeted to earth without a parachute.

The Red Baron possessed one quality rarely seen in other World War I fliers—a cold, consuming desire to kill. Killing satisfied something in his nature. His letters home to his mother recounted his delight in participating in this orgy of blood. Contrary to legend, after downing an Allied craft, he often swooped low and machine-gunned the airmen as they struggled out of their wrecks.

Ground troops didn't fare much better. To the German ace they were prey and he was the hunter. Russian soldiers proved especially vulnerable. They had no air protection and this permitted the baron to engage in wholesale slaughter with no danger to himself.

Although destined to achieve lasting fame, the baron began his military career as an inept cavalryman. In the first month's fighting in August 1914, he led a charge against enemy cavalrymen. He fought until 10 of his 14 horsemen were lost, then he fled with the survivors.

This failure was no great surprise to his sympathetic mother. "He always was being thrown from his horse," she explained. "His skill . . . did not match his courage."

The baron finally transferred from the cavalry to a supply unit. But he bridled at collecting cheese and eggs for the fighting troops and wangled a transfer to the new flying corps.

At first he experienced more trouble with airplanes than he had encountered with horses. He wrecked his first two planes. Then he had the good fortune to train under Oswald Boelcke, a skilled pilot and tactician, and began flying in a Boelcke-led squadron.

Boelcke was a cool and experienced pilot who loved flying but loathed killing. His squadron included Max Immelmann and Ernest Udet. The first of the five-kill "aces," Immelmann relied on daring to com-

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By Mitchell Medford

The high cost of health care is a lot like the weather. Everybody talks about it but no one seems to do much to change it. As a nation we have seen medical costs spiral upward more than 200 percent since 1969. During the past year Americans spent an overwhelming \$120 billion on health. In fact, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, the health care industry has become the second largest employer in the country—exceeded only by government itself.

How all this filters down to us as individuals may be illustrated by a news story that made headlines recently in a major southwestern city. A woman entered the hospital there with complications from diabetes. She spent three days in the medical facility and the bill for the patient care she received was more than \$7,400. One of the nightmares of modern times is that medical technology may save our lives but leave us penniless in the process.

Many of us take strong measures to guarantee that this catastrophe won't happen. The most usual method of protection is to participate in a health insurance plan that provides major medical coverage. The Health Insurance Institute in Washington, DC, reports that major medical policies protect one out of two persons in the United States. Yet, the majority of health care expenses are not in this category. They are, instead, a collection of minor skirmishes with the system.

In our year to year battles with illnesses and injuries, the war of high medical costs goes on. Just about the time we have recovered from the doctor's frontal assault for Johnny's fractured elbow, the radiologist makes a flank attack with a bill for the X-rays. Through it all the pharmacist keeps firing a steady volley of charges for antibiotics, pain pills and so forth. The accumulated medical expenses at the end of the year can be enough to make the tax accountant whistle.

The chain of events that have led to skyrocketing medical costs is complex. Unfortunately, there are no simple answers for solving the problem. Despite the attention health care has received at the Congressional level and throughout virtually every sector of our society, frustratingly little seems to be happen-

Reducing Medical Costs



Real Ways

“The majority of health care expenses are . . . a collection of minor skirmishes with the system.”

ing to change things. It all serves to promote feelings of helplessness, as though we were merely pawns in a cumbersome game.

Americans traditionally do not like those feelings. It is only a matter of time before they begin to fight back. So, if you have reached your emotional limit with medical expenses, maybe it is time you devised a personal plan of attack on the high cost of health care.

Sometime during the decade of the '80s there will very likely be a major revolution in the health care field. Until then, a little guerrilla warfare is called for. Here are 13 strategies you can work into your battle plan.

Tactic #1: Stay well with a preventive health lifestyle. That may seem a little trite, but it is actually the most effective way to curtail health care costs. A study completed recently at Harvard Uni-

versity shows that people who indulge in “health misbehaviors” such as smoking, overeating to the point of obesity or maintaining poor physical fitness are sick far more often than persons who do not have these problems.

As a matter of fact, only 13 percent of the population accounts for half of the total medical dollars spent in this country annually. Simple actions such as staying within your proper weight range and maintaining an active exercise regimen will not only save you countless thousands of dollars in medical fees over the years, but also will add years to your life.

Tactic #2: Do not use the emergency room for anything other than a true medical crisis. Perhaps as many as 40 percent of all visits to hospital emergency centers could be treated more appropriately in a doctor's office. It's not very cost conscious to use the emergency room because the charges will be three to four times the physician's fee. Where most folks go wrong is in believing they can make it through the night or the weekend with their medical problem. Later, after the doctor's office is closed, the condition gets worse and by then the emergency room offers the only alternative for care. Your doctor may not enjoy working you into his busy day, but if you declare that your problem might not wait, he will accommodate you. If you avoid only one unnecessary trip to the emergency room during the year, you can expect to save yourself \$50 to \$100.

Tactic #3: Before entering the hospital, shop for the medical facility in your community with the lowest average costs. Do not go by room rates alone. Ask about average costs which will include lab, X-ray and other services. Most hospitals will be happy to give you this information; if not, call your local health systems agency or the state health department.

Once you have this knowledge, you are only half finished. You must still determine if your physician has admitting privileges at the less expensive hospital. Find out by placing a call to the medical staff secretary. Even if your doctor is not a member of the medical staff, he can often obtain temporary privileges. You may need to be assertive with your physi-

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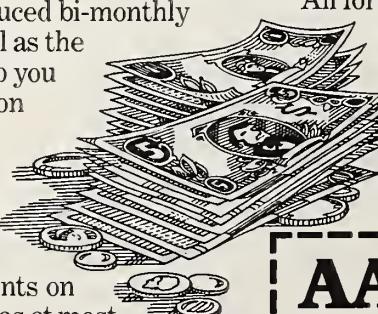
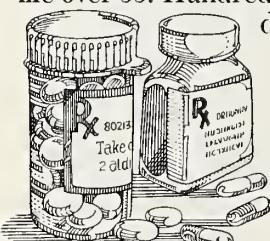
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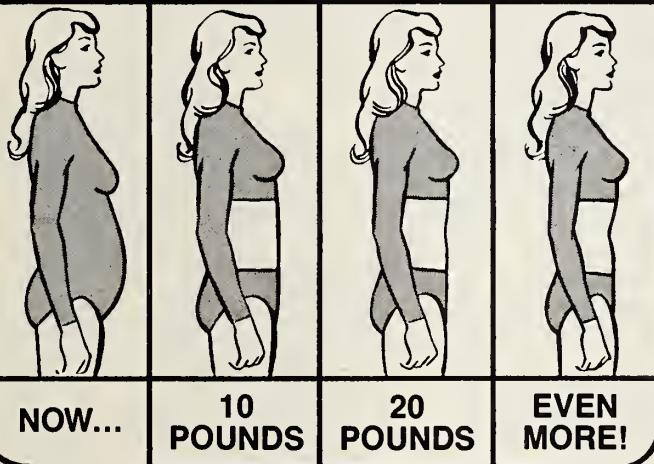
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The Once And Future Fuel

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east also have large timber reserves, and much of the Rocky Mountains is forested.

"There's no way wood can again become our principal fuel," explains John Zerbe of the federal Forest Products Laboratory in Madison, WI. "But," he says, "the potential exists for increasing wood's present contribution (2 percent) several times over. Wood may eventually supply up to 7 percent of our nation's energy." Other informed estimates go as high as 10 percent.

That's nationwide. In certain areas the picture is much brighter. The New England Regional Commission estimates that the Northeast alone contains the equivalent in wood of three billion barrels of oil. That is as much as all the oil in Oman. Vermont officials speculate that their state could become an energy exporter of Kuwait's class. The difference is that wood—unlike oil—can reproduce itself forever.

Even though trees do very well on their own, man has begun giving nature a hand with the supply end of the wood energy equation. The new concept—where forestry and agriculture meet—is biomass farming: the care and feeding of trees for maximum growth.

A pilot DOE biomass farm is testing the growth rates of sycamore, alder and slash pine on 1,000 South Carolina acres near Aiken. Other such farms are being planned. Biomass cultivation is expected to produce up to 10 times as much fuel wood as natural tree stands. Toward this end researchers have induced one type of poplar to grow 15 feet in 90 days and another to produce an eight-inch trunk in five years.

Besides abundance, wood has other sterling qualities. Unlike fossil fuels, it contains virtually no sulfur. It has a low ash content when properly burned and causes little carbon dioxide pollution. Wood roughly matches coal pound-for-pound in energy values. Smoke and particulates can be a problem, but correct burning procedures hold these to a minimum.

The U.S., of course, is not alone in its desire to use wood. European botanists have coaxed hardwoods to shoot up nine feet per year. Canada's Minister of Environmental Affairs speculates that his country will get a

quarter of its energy from wood by the year 2000.

Furthermore, from Brazil comes word of the ultimate in energy from trees: a tree that can be tapped directly for fuel. Workers drill a hole in its lower trunk and plug it with a removable stopper. Every six months they pull the plug and drain off 20 liters of a hydrocarbon fluid that can be refined into motor fuel.

Generally, though, the tap does not flow so easily. Until now, explain biomass researchers, we've essentially been at the berry picking stage in forest utilization. We stand now where agriculture stood thousands of years ago when the first farmers began domesticating wild plants. A great deal more research is needed if wood is ever to supply 10 percent of our energy.



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But the potential is there. As fossil energy costs creep upward, wood becomes practical. Wood is not a panacea, but it is available, perpetually renewable, and a totally American source of energy. It is yesterday clasping hands with tomorrow.

"The foresters of the 21st century," says Yale professor David Smith, "will probably have an antiquarian memory of a peculiar interlude from about 1940 to 1975 in which fuel wood was hardly worth cutting in certain highly industrialized countries."

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"VETERANS BENEFITS FOR OLDER AMERICANS"

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STAMPS HONORING AIR PIONEERS AVAILABLE . . .

The U.S. Postal Service has issued two new airmail stamps honoring air pioneers Glenn Curtiss and Blanche Stuart Scott. The 35¢ airmail stamp honors Curtiss, an early aviator and noted aircraft designer, and the 28¢ airmail stamp honors Scott, a pioneer pilot and the first American



woman to make a solo flight . . . The denomination of the Curtiss stamp meets the new international airmail rate of 35¢ per half ounce up to two ounces for airmail going to certain South American and Caribbean countries. The 28¢ denomination of the Scott stamp meets the new international airmail rate for post cards. The Curtiss and Scott stamps are the fourth and fifth issues in the Pioneer Aviation Series of international airmail stamps.

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The U.S. Dept. of Labor has published a booklet to help businesses, particularly small em- ployers, understand and comply with major laws and regulations administered by the department . . . "Major Laws Administered by the U.S. Department of Labor Which Affect Small Business" describes in non- technical language the provisions of laws such as the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), the Fair Labor Stan- dards Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. The booklet briefly describes 20 laws and regulations, lists the agency within the department respon- sible for administering the law and gives a regional address and phone number where employers can get more detailed infor- mation. The booklet may be obtained from any regional office of the Dept. of Labor.

1981 NATIONAL SALUTE TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS SET FOR FEBRUARY 14 . . .

The VA has announced the "1981 National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans" will be held Saturday, February 14—Valentine's Day. The program, founded in 1974, has a four-fold purpose: (1) to pay tribute and express appreciation to the thousands of veterans hospitalized each year; (2) to establish and promote a continuing aware- ness of these Americans; (3) to enhance and broaden community involvement beyond those faithful volunteers whose concern for hospitalized veterans brings them to VA medical centers throughout the year; and (4) to encourage Americans of all ages to participate, and to interest them in serving as hospital volunteers year- round . . . Legionnaires are encouraged to visit a VA medical center on February 14 (or perhaps during that week) and show the patients we care . . . En- courage religious and other community organizations to participate in the Salute and . . . Contact the VA's Voluntary Service at the VA medical center nearest you to ask how you can help.

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FOR LEGIONNAIRES

The Legion's Economic Division

Meeting the Challenges of the '80s

By James G. Bourie, Director

Imagine the entire population of a city like Tucson or Kansas City or Nashville, all unemployed: nearly 500,000 people without jobs. If you can imagine that, then you have an idea of the number of unemployed veterans there are today, and the magnitude of the problem in seeing that they all have jobs. That's why employment still remains the primary concern of veterans and why economic dignity and the well being of veterans are of crucial concern to the Economic Division of The American Legion.

Based in the Washington, DC office, the Director for Economics

and his staff are charged with carrying out the mandates of the National Economic Commission and its two affiliated Committees: Veterans Preference and Employment. The division's responsibilities also include coordinating the functions of the various committees and providing the necessary assistance and representation to veterans, their dependents and survivors, in all economic matters before various federal agencies, bureaus and boards.

The American Legion's interest in the employment of veterans is nothing new. The 1919 Minneapolis Convention approved a resolution that, "Employment will become . . . a matter of concern among members of the Legion. . . it shall become a matter of responsibility for each post to assure itself that no member . . . is unemployed." The 1919 resolution is even more significant in today's precarious economic climate.

Since that time, the number of Posts has increased dramatically.

Yet they still remain the cornerstones of The American Legion's economic programs. Each Post provides the building blocks for a meaningful program. But who is to see that these blocks are correctly aligned and take the proper direction? That responsibility falls to commanders, adjutants, service officers and employment chairmen at all levels. The greatest weight, of course, will be borne by the employment chairmen. They provide the initiative and commitment to make economic policies and programs work.

Too often, their position is overlooked or ignored. This is unfortunate indeed, for there can be no more valuable economic resource than the local employment chairmen. In addition to their value, their responsibilities are equally heavy: they must not only answer to their commanders, but also to those unemployed members they serve.

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Following last October's mailing of more than 23,000 60-plus years membership certificates by National Headquarters, the Magazine was deluged with hundreds of articles and photographs of members being presented those certificates by their justifiably proud fellow Legionnaires. While we would never be able to print them all, we selected the above photo as representative of this stalwart group of Legionnaires. With more than 183 years of combined continuous service to the Legion and Meade, SD Post 33 are, from left, Warren Quinn, R.W. "Rudd" Kovalik and Bert A. Fortin. (Photo: Meade County Times-Tribune)

Record \$20.8 Billion VA Budget Approved- At Last - for FY '81

Two-and-a-half months after the 1981 fiscal year began, former President Carter signed Public Law 96-526 that included a record \$20.8 billion in funds for the Veterans Administration during the fiscal year which runs until September 30, 1981.

More than half the appropriations, \$11.6 billion, go to compensation and pension payments to veterans, while medical care takes the next biggest slice with more than \$6 billion.

The 1981 funds are more than \$290 million above that appropriated for 1980. Compensation and pension payments increased by \$400 million while readjustment benefits were cut by more than \$456 million. Medical care, medical and prosthetic research, operating expenses, state

extended-care facilities grants and construction projects were among those showing gains over last year's budget.

Here's a breakdown of increases and decreases over the 1980 budget: compensation and pension, +\$400,200,000; readjustment benefits, -\$456,227,000; veterans insurance and indemnities, -\$4,040,000; medical care, +\$185,043,000; medical and prosthetic research, +\$6,306,000; medical administration and miscellaneous operating expenses, +\$3,013,000; general operating expenses, +\$10,983,000; construction, major projects, +\$102,482,000; construction, minor projects, +\$35,675,000; grants for construction of State extended care facilities, +\$7,500,000, and grants to the Republic of the Philippines, -\$150,000.



National Commander Michael J. Kogutek speaks from the pulpit of the Chapel of Four Chaplains in Philadelphia, after having been presented the Board of Trustees Bronze Medal of Honor for distinguished public service.

Kogutek Meets with President, Premier of Republic of China

Natl. Cdr. Michael J. Kogutek met with President Chiang Ching Kuo and Premier Sun Yun-Suan, of the Republic of China on Taiwan and assured them of the continuing support of The American Legion for the Republic of China on Taiwan.

Kogutek met in Taipei with the two leaders of the government December 16, the second anniversary of the United States' recognition of the Communist Chinese government on the mainland.

In a 30-minute discussion with President Chiang, Kogutek, who was on a fact-finding visit to the Far East, reassured the president of American Legion support for Taiwan, and said the Legion would continue to urge our government to abide by the Taiwan Relations Act of April 10, 1980.

The American Legion, he said, specifically will urge the United States to extend routine courtesies to Taiwan, and to sell modern de-

fensive aircraft, missiles and radar in sufficient numbers to demonstrate the sustaining and determined interest of the U.S. in the independence and freedom of "our good friend and historic ally, the Republic of China on Taiwan."

President Chiang reminded Kogutek of the importance of the role of Taiwan in maintaining peace, stability and order in the Far East.

In discussions with Premier Sun, Kogutek was assured the Republic of China is not asking for aid, but is willing to pay cash for the aircraft, radar and missiles needed for its defense.

Kogutek told the Premier of the Legion's 1980 Convention resolution which petitions our government to stop plans for building the strength of the Communist government of China on the mainland and to reaffirm our treaty commitments to our long-time faithful ally, the Republic of China on Taiwan.

Governor Honors West Virginia Vets

Governor John D. Rockefeller IV, recently led a delegation of West Virginia veterans—including Legion Dept. Adj. Tommy E. Jones and other Legionnaires—to Arlington National Cemetery to pay honor to the state's living and deceased soldiers.

Rockefeller presented the state's highest award—The Distinguished Service Medal—in memory of West Virginia war veterans, which was placed in the trophy room along with similar medals from other states.

"West Virginia has offered up more of its sons and daughters per capita to serve in the armed forces of the United States than has any other state in the country," he said.

"We are not a *forgetting* people. And the men and women from the mountains and the valleys of West Virginia, the well-known and the not-so-well known among them . . . those who fought in the war, those who did not . . . those dead and those living . . . are not *forgotten* people," he said.



Solar power has come to a Legion log cabin in Calico Rock, AR. Carl Campbell (left) built the unit which incorporates a hot air blower to heat the cabin belonging to Legion Post 15 in Calico Rock. The Solar Air Heater was installed using a \$100 grant from the Arkansas Department of Energy and was dedicated during the Post's Veterans Day celebration. Shown with Campbell are Post Cdr. Reed M. Perryman, center, and Post Adj. Glenn Bennett. (Photo: The Baxter Bulletin)

NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES

This Post Home Used To Be a 'Big Bang' Bovine Bomb Shelter

When members of Elkhorn, NB Post 362 decided to locate their Post home in a nuclear fallout shelter previously built to hold a herd of dairy cattle, they expected to take some ribbing:

"I guess that's the one Post where you can't get 'bombed,'" goes one line. "When you guys sling the 'bull' at your club, is it a real bull?" goes another.

But Legionnaires of the only known underground Legion Post think it's "udder"ly fantastic—and they're having the last laugh. The bovine bomb shelter built in the early '60s to keep cows alive in case an atomic bomb blasted Omaha, is proving much more hospitable for Legionnaires than it ever did for cattle.

The walls and ceiling of the 4,500-square-foot structure are made of nine-inch thick, steel-reinforced concrete. Two feet of dirt cover the roof, with filtered air being provided through several air conditioning units mounted above ground.

Since the concrete and steel walls stay at 54 degrees year round, little heat and even less air conditioning are needed to keep the building comfortable.

Today the Post houses a bar, kitchen, rest rooms and game room that are all totally accessible to the handicapped, thanks to a lot of imagination and hard work on the part of the members. The dance floor and bar areas have hard maple flooring obtained from a school gym that was being demolished. The kitchen and bar equipment were obtained at cut-rate prices from a dinner theater which closed in nearby Omaha.

Texas Posts Fight Hurricane Allen

W. H. McGregor recently gave a tip of his adjutant's cap to a group of Texas Legion Posts that made him, "so proud of our Posts I don't know what to do."

Writing in *Texas Legion News*, McGregor noted that when Hurricane Allen was threatening the Gulf Coast

Besides having a spacious, comfortable and energy-efficient Post home, the unusual aspects of the structure have prompted considerable publicity in the community and resulted in a doubling of membership since they moved in. And should their membership continue to double, the present structure will support an additional two or more floors.

Since the mound of dirt over the Post is the highest point in the entire county, three lighted flag poles that are visible for miles around, show the way to 362 Veterans Drive, home of Post 362.

But for those who might wonder what became of the cows, rest assured they can still be found in the Post: broiled, medium rare, with a side of french fries.



The entrance to Elkhorn, NB Post 362.



Working in their underground, cut-rate kitchen are, from left, 1st Vice Cdr. Leonard Peterson, Sterling Gideon, Cdr. Bill Dollen and Adj. Erwin Klabunde.

of Texas, dozens of Posts opened their doors to provide shelters while refugees rode out the storm. Much of this was done in cooperation with the Red Cross.

Blessing Post 649, for example, had 90 refugees in their hall over the two-day period in August.

Sealy Post 402 opened up its hall for over 200 persons, the overflow of which slept in private campers and cars on the grounds. In addition,

they served up a noonday meal to the refugees as well as breakfast the next morning.

Uvalde Post 479 reported their members helped out at the local Civic Center. This included helping to cook for and serve an estimated 1,000 people.

These are just a few of the Posts in action that prompted McGregor to say, "Hey, fellows, ladies. A tip of the hat for a job well done!"

Post Receives \$127,000 Gift

By Stephen Gordon
The Keene (NH) Sentinel

Great things *do* come in small packages, as Jaffrey, NH, American Legion officials learned last November.

Adj. James Baird of John Humiston Post 11 was thumbing through the mail when he opened an envelope from Florida. Inside, the unsuspecting Baird found a \$127,000 check from the estate of a former Post 11 member who died 14 years ago.

The money came from the late Joseph Walsh, a tackmaker in Jaffrey until he moved to Florida about 20 years ago. Walsh died in 1966, but the money he willed to Post 11 had to remain in his estate until his widow died recently.

Then, the \$127,000 check was sent routinely to Jaffrey.

Now, Post officials are collecting suggestions from Post members for using the money.

The money will probably go toward some project to benefit Jaffrey children, Baird said. It won't be used for repairing the Post, even though the building needs work.

Walsh was a Post member from 1931 until his death in 1966. A WWI veteran, he held Legion offices at both the local and state levels, including one term as District One Cdr.

Cambodian Crisis Committee Endorsed

In the past decade, nearly 40 percent of the people of Cambodia have died from the ravages of political and social upheaval, war, famine and disease. An entire nation—solely dependent upon outside help for their food—stands on the brink of extinction.

To stave off this massive disaster, 19 major relief agencies in the United States joined together in a special campaign to assist the Cambodian people. The group, called the "National Cambodian Crisis Com-



More than 6,000 U.S. flag decals have been distributed to customers of a local bank in Tuscaloosa, AL as part of a cooperative effort between the First National Bank of Tuscaloosa and Legion Post 34 there. The decals, provided by the Post, will also be distributed for Flag Day, Memorial Day and July 4. Heading up the decal giveaway are, from left, Post Cdr. Lee A. Hallman, Bank President George Shirley, AL NECman Lewis E. McCray and Bank Senior Vice President Gerald Busby. (Photo by Tom Donovan).

mittee," has launched the most massive relief effort in human history. In addition to food, seed and medicine—the standard stock of relief operations—the agencies have had to buy trucks, cranes, barges, tugs and even oxen, for Cambodia's transportation system has been totally shattered.

The relief agencies soon found themselves saddled with a job bigger even than their combined resources. Last year, they turned to The American Legion for assistance in their effort to save the Cambodian people. In response, a resolution was passed at the Legion's 62d annual convention in Boston noting, "That we now go on record to support the relief efforts of the Cambodian Crisis Committee and encourage all Legionnaires throughout the World to support participating relief agencies affiliated with such committee."

If you would like to participate in this effort to save a nation's people, you may send your donation to: National Cambodia Crisis Committee, P.O. Box 242, Washington, D.C. 20056.

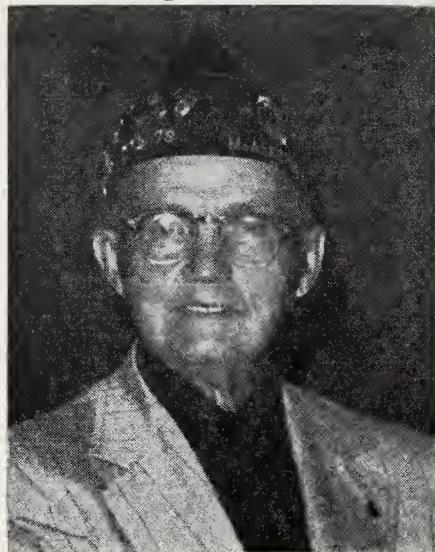
It's one more way Legionnaires have of showing, "We Care."



NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES

Larison is an 'OK' Legion Man



Ray Larison

Around McAlester, OK, Ray Larison is a walking, one-man Legion Post. The scope of his activities on behalf of The American Legion has earned him not only the kudos of his home Post 79 there, but also recognition as Oklahoma's 1980 "Legionnaire of the Year." He can now add to those honors with his selection as the Magazine's February "Legionnaire of the Month."

Past Dept. Cdr. Roy Brown described why this WWI veteran has rightfully earned all these titles: "Larison attends all Post meetings, participates in the annual Memorial Day services, attends all military funerals and participates in flag decoration at the local cemeteries each year. He personally sorts, cleans and stores the flags following Memorial Day services and sends cards or visits all veterans in the local hospitals."

Past Post 79 Cdr. Ronald Rippee added to that long list of accomplishments: "Mr. Larison can be seen on the streets of McAlester every day promoting Legion work and patriotism as he walks an average of eight miles daily from his home, delivering checks for payment of Legion debts, making bank deposits and soliciting memberships."

Last year, Larison's walks across town garnered 465 members signed

to the local Post. Along the way he also sold 600 Poppy Boards and took time to deliver Memorial Resolutions to the next of kin of deceased Legionnaires.

Larison, who served as the Post's Sergeant-at-Arms for 10 years, still finds time to tend to the Post's office and answer phones when the secretary is away.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Leonard E. Finch (1980), Post 36, Tucson, AZ
Allison E. Driesbach, Jerome F. McCullough (1980), Post 125, Vandenberg AFB, CA
Lester O. Swalley, William G. Joseph (1980), Post 155, Colton, CA

Martin F. Peterson (1980), Post 266, Westminster, CA

Edgar Elliott, Donald I. Harding (1980), Post 111, Woodstock, CT

William C. Hansburger, Jack Frack, Ralph H. Foreman (1980), Post 4, Lakeland, FL

Roger Sanborn, James D. Shepherd (1980), Post 159, Venice, FL

Robert D. Chalker, Sr. (1979), Post 323, Lehigh Acres, FL

George J. Bach (1980), Post 304, Long Island, KS

Russell Whitside (1980), Post 539, Kansas, IL

Robert Gerald Stevenson (1980), Post 334, Eddyville, KY

Alec M. Rennie (1980), Post 35, Traverse City, MI

Dalton Thibodeaux (1973), Cecil S. Hollingsworth (1972), **P.O. Gibson, Jr.** (1978), **Billy D. Cook, Bob Crenshaw** (1980), Post 112, Jackson, MS

Russell Elliott, Gilbert Gayaut, Horace Ruhr, John Wilkerson (1980), Post 139, Bay St. Louis, MS

Leon Nolan, Charles Mount, Herb Spitzner (1980), Post 54, Freehold, NJ

Bogart J. DeYoung (1980), Post 121, Little Falls, NJ

Howard Curry (1980), Post 439, Jersey City, NJ

Rev. David B. Terns (1980), Post 25, Mohawk, NY

William Fink, William Schleyer (1980), Post 118, Woodhaven, NY

James McElroy (1980), Post 130, West Haverstraw, NY

John J. Morrison (1980), Post 178, Millerton, NY

Donald C. Vescovi, Donald G. Williams (1979), **James R. Perrone** (1980), Post 576, LeRoy, NY

Truman Haskell (1978), **Roy D. Porter** (1979), Post 1118, Cold Brook, NY

William Duffy (1980), Post 1138, Bronx, NY

Raymond Laurent (1980), Post 1857, Staten Island, NY

Steve L. Craig, Herman Pharis, Ray Pentecost (1980), Post 135, Tahlequah, OK

Joseph Papierello (1980), Post 97, Philadelphia, PA

Phillip H. Williams (1981), Post 346, East Stroudsburg, PA

Thomas Grabowski, John Grabowski, Edward Gayeski, John Wittek (1980), Post 585, St. Duryea, PA

Walter H. Bouch, W. Calvin Bowser, J.O. Burton, H. Ross Crytzer, Lawrence W. Euchler, Frank Greenthauer, Meyer Greenbaum, Armand J. Hansotte, Nicholas D. Hellman, J. Jacob Houghaugh, Russell E. Livengood, Lester McCurdy, Ralph V. Relsgen (1978), **Victor Bucko, Mike Moyta, Sr.** (1979), Post 654, Ford City, PA

Homer Lee (1980), Post 113, Pendleton, SC

Clarence N. Adams, Walter W. Armfield, Claire V. Burnette, George E. Fallquist, Merritt W. Hackett, Paul G. Hahn, Joseph Keller, Joseph L. Maloney, Hugh W. McElroy, John J. O'Brien, Jack Pas, Ivan Pearson, Harold M. Pederson, Richard S. Relesson, Frank A. Tessin, Arthur E. Victor, W.M. Wheeler, Harry E. Wiedeman, Edmund J. Winslett (1980), Post 9, Spokane, WA

Frank S. Macolek (1980), Post 2, Milwaukee, WI

VA's Q&A CORNER

These are questions representative of those the Veterans Administration is frequently asked. For more information contact your Post Service Officer, local VA office or write directly to: Veterans Administration (20), Washington, D.C. 20420.

Q. If I encounter legal difficulties while purchasing a home using the GI Bill, will the VA provide or pay for any legal assistance I may need?

A. No. VA will provide neither legal assistance nor advice, nor will the agency pay for any legal assistance a veteran obtains to deal with troubles encountered in the purchase or construction of a home.

Q. I am separated from my wife and family. I am going to school on the GI Bill. Does my wife have a right to receive part of my educational allowance without my approval?

A. If your wife can prove you are not adequately providing for your family she can receive the portion of your allowance paid you for your dependents. You will then receive the rate of a single veteran.

Q. Under the new improved pension law, can a veteran who does not have custody of his child receive additional pension if the veteran is not paying child support?

A. No. Under the new improved pension law the veteran must be paying child support to be entitled to any additional allowance for a dependent child.

Q. I have a VA guaranteed home loan. I plan to sell my home to an individual who will assume the payments. Can I do this? Are there any special procedures I should follow?

A. Another individual may assume your loan. However, you should contact the nearest VA regional office to obtain a release of liability or you may be held liable in the event of default on the loan.

Q. I was denied widow's benefits from the VA because I was never legally married to a veteran with whom I had lived for 20 years. What, if anything, can I do about this?

A. VA will recognize an established common law marriage if such marriage is recognized by the state in which the couple resides. Any VA regional office will provide information and advise veterans on the evidence required to establish a common law marriage.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Reunion will be held in month indicated. For particulars write person whose address is given.

Notices accepted on official forms only. For form send stamped, addressed return envelope to O. R. Form, American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46206. Notices should be received at least five months before scheduled reunion. No written letter necessary to get form.

Earliest submission favored when volume of requests is too great to print all.

Army

1st Filipino Inf. Regt., Philippine Campaign (WWII) (Sept-Honolulu, HI). Colon F. Sarmines, P.O. Box 29701, Honolulu, HI 96820 (808) 546-3549

3d Armored Div. Assn. (WWII) (July-Hot Springs, AR). Harley Swenson, P.O. Box 3153A, Fairfield Bay, AR 72088

11th Major P.O.E. (Sept-Vancouver, BC, Canada). George Milne, 2416 Courtenay St., Vancouver BC, Canada V6R 3X3 (604) 224-0397

12th Armored Div. Assn. (July-Rochester, NY). Warren E. Maue, 4320 Germantown-Liberty Rd., Germantown, OH 45327 (513) 866-5004

14th Armored Midwest Reunion (Apr-LaCrosse, WI). Edgar Lovro, 2912 S. Glendale, Sioux Falls, SD 57105 (605) 332-4786

22d Gen. Hospital (June-Anaheim, CA). Raymond S. Hedquist, 2019 S. Mulford Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 (815) 399-8964

25th Bomb. Grp. (M) (Apr-Washington, DC). Col. Jim Twitty, 1600 S. Eads St. Apt 1234S, Arlington, VA 22202 (703) 920-0866

31st Gen. Hospital, (WWII, South Pacific) (July-Colorado Springs, CO). Francis Schweitzer, 9408 W. 77th Ave., Schererville, IN 46375 (219) 322-5712

38th Engr. Regt. (Sept-Canton, OH). Dwight H. Netzly, 1237 Lincoln Way E., Massillon, OH 44646 (216) 832-9744

53d Inf. Regt. Assn. (May-Turlock, CA). Guadalupe Mejia, 704 Stearns Ave., LaHabra, CA 90631 (213) 691-7419

85th QM Depot Supply Co., (APO 464), (England, Africa, Italy, WWII) (Apr-Kokomo, IN). Thomas Stewart, 134 W. Howard, Galveston, IN 46932 (219) 699-6286

86th Chemical Mortar Bn. Assn. (Apr-Austin, TX). LTC John Deasy, 1830 30th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122 (415) 566-2177

91st Inf. Div. (June-Arlington, TX). Harold H. Edwards, 2805 Avon Hill Dr., Arlington, TX 76015 (817) 465-0810

96th Div. (Deadeyes) (WWII) (July). Virgil T. Below, 6723 C.R. 11, Risingsun, OH 43457 (419) 457-6878

99th Inf. Div. Assn. (July-Pittsburgh, PA). Leroy Higgins, 408 Hillcrest Dr., Delmont, PA 15626 (412) 468-5741

104th Ordnance (MM) Co., (July-Media, PA). Joseph Tisanich, 6728 Marsden St., Philadelphia, PA 19135 (215) 333-5970

106th Inf. Div. (June-Gilbertsville, KY). Kenneth Bradford, 908 S. Lodge Ave., Evansville, IN 47714 (812) 477-0444

113th Gen. Hospital (June-Ames, IA). Helen Wright Morey, 2935 Muscatine St., Dubuque, IA 52001 (319) 582-8600

144th Inf. Regt. (June-Dallas, TX). Leonard E. Wilkerson, 11211 Visalia Dr., Dallas, TX 75228 (214) 328-5589

203d Gen. Hospital (ETO WWII) (July-Seattle, WA). Opie Ridgway, 130 52nd St. SW, Everett, WA 98203

25th Engr. (C) Bn. (May-Harrisburg, PA). Mrs. Philip Gallagher, 127 Evergreen St., Mount Holly, NJ 08060 (609) 267-2270

295th JASCO (July-Providence, RI). Raymond T. Stephenson, 47 Broad St., Pascoag, RI 02859 (401) 568-7333

338th Inf. (WWII) (May-New Orleans, LA). R.C. Souder, 1837 Waverland Cir., Macon, GA 31211

352d Searchlight Bn. (June-Lincoln, NE). G. Dale Beach, 1621 Dreher St., Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 443-7604

437th Ord. M.V.A. Co. (WWII) (June-Orlando, FL). Alvin C. Tase, 32121 Bretton, Livonia, MI 48152 (313) 477-4145

441st Engr. Depot Co. (June-Minneapolis, MN). M.J. Ohlrogg, P.O. Box 455, Chatfield, MN 55923 (507) 867-4080

461st, 484th Bomb Grps., & Attached Units, 49th Wing, 15th Air Force, (Toretto Airfield) (1944-45). (May-Torrance, CA). Bud Markel, 1122 Ysabel St., Redondo Beach, CA 90277 (213) 316-3330

522d Ordnance Co. (May-Columbus, OH). John L. Worrell, 4272 Indianola Ave., Columbus, OH 43214 (614) 261-1011

593d JASCO (Aug-Pittsburgh, PA). Sidney Mawaring, 155 Hickory Grove Rd., Horseheads, NY 14845 (607) 739-5190

729th Railway Operation Bn. (WWII) (Sept-New Haven, CT). Albert H. Coleillo, 4251 4th Ave., Altoona, PA 16602 (814) 943-0551

753d Railway Shop Bn. (June-Bucyrus, OH). Ray Tittle, 2512 Old Lake Rd. West, Huron, OH 44839 (419) 433-4336

860th Engr. Avn. Bn. (June-Fort Wayne, IN). Robert Fox, 6159 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46815 (219) 485-4574

897th Signal Avn. Dep't Co. (June-Rockford, IL). George Pearson, 2230 S. 5th St., Rockford, IL 61108

3008th Ord. Base Depot Co., 624th B.A.M. Bn. (July-Boston, MA). Peter P. Colantuoni, 16 Harding St., Dedham, MA 02026 (617) 326-6036

3167th Ord. Base Armament & Fire Control Maintenance Co., 617th OBAM Bn. (June-Rochester, NY). E.B. Armstrong, 5352 Ridge Rd. W., Spencerport, NY 14559

3184th Sig. Svc. Bn. (WWII) (Aug-Washington, DC). CWOS T.J. McGlynn, (ret.), 11700 Old Columbia Pk. #1407, Silver Spring, MD 20904 (301) 622-2268

"A" Battery, 191st F.A. (WWII) (June-Winchester, TN). W.F. Williams, P.O. Box 215, Cowan, TN 37318 (615) 967-7568

"B" Battery, 93rd Coast Arty. Anti Air Craft Bn. (May-Milwaukee, WI). Ray Gilbert, 4768 N. 39th St., Milwaukee, WI 53209 (414) 463-9005

"B" Battery, 232 AAA (July-Nashville, TN). Roy Mayo, 3065 Sunset Ln., Cocoa, FL 32922 (305) 783-3309

"B" Battery, 373d F.A. Bn. (Apr-Columbia, SC). Frank G. Andros, P.O. Box 55, Hyde Park, NY 12538 (914) 229-2330

"C" Battery, 136th F.A., 37th Div. (May-Piqua, OH). Leroy Traylor, 2850 Woodman Dr., Kettering, OH 45420 (513) 299-3189

"C" Battery, 178th F.A. Assn. (WWII) (June-Sumter, SC). R.T. Davis, 211 Adams, Sumter, SC 29150 (803) 775-1851

"A" Co., 17th Engr. Bn., 2d Armored Div. (Apr-Nashville, TN). Willard Curtis, 110 S. Revena, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (313) 662-0084

"A" Co., 112th Inf., 28th Div. (July-Corry, PA). Alfred Cone, 419 E. Washington St., Corry, PA 16407

"A" Co., 513th Parachute Inf. (July-Charlotte, NC). Dewey B. Hickman, 32 Rosedale Ave., Concord, NC 28025 (704) 782-7827

"C" Co., 20th Inf. (July-Springfield, MO). Lenard L. Ziglar, 4642 S. Walcott, Indianapolis, IN 16227 (317) 788-1325

"I.K.L.M. & Hq. Cos.", 3d Bn., 135th Inf., 34th Div. (WWII) (July-Minneapolis, MN). Don Hoagland, 5535 159th Ave. NW, Anoka, MN 55303 (612) 421-1460

"K" Co., 386th Inf., 97th Div. (Aug-Louisville, KY). Ernest Fraze, 3443 W. U.S. 20, Laporte, IN 46350 (219) 874-7455

Navy

1st NCB (May). Charles E. Mischler, 29 Sanford Ave., Emerson, NJ 07630 (201) 262-6615

21st NCB (Northwest) (Apr-Lincoln City, OR). James A. Rainey, Rt. 2, Box 399, Astoria, OR 97103 (503) 458-6731

24th NCB (Apr-Nashville, TN). Hersel Dumbauld, 815 Zahn St., Huntington, IN 46750

30th NCB (May-Providence, RI). Joseph Fitzgerald, 406 E. Bougianvillea Dr., Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

96th NCB, 589, 590, 613, 1048, 3050 Attached Units (Aug-Indianapolis, IN). Mrs. Gus Solaraski, 139 Ravenhead, Houston, TX 77034 (713) 944-2305

Bedford Springs Navy Radio School & COMNAV-NAW-Algiers (1942-44) (July-Pittsburgh, PA). Robert Guenther, 922 Illinois Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216 (412) 341-7050

Naval First Beach Battalion (May-Myrtle Beach, SC). Leland C. Munn, 336 Russell St. SE, Orangeburg, SC 29115 (803) 536-1505

SLCU 34-ULITHI (June-Hershey, PA). W.R. Butcher, 2187 S. Queen St., York, PA 17402 (717) 741-1149

USS Benner (DD 807) (July-Crawfordsville, IN). L.E. Anderson, #9 Shore Dr. L.H., Crawfordsville, IN 47933 (317) 866-1472

USS Chandeleur (AV 10) (Aug-Amana, IA). Mrs. Kenneth E. Boyd, Rt. 4, Box 145, Culpeper, VA 22701 (703) 854-5076

USS Fanshaw Bay (CVE 70) (June-Quincy, IL). Elden L. McClintock, R 1, Basco, IL 62313 (217) 743-5588

USS Henley (DD 391) (July-Fall River, MA). Roy E. Anglen, P.O. Box 3, Hume, IL 61932 (217) 887-2372

USS Iowa Vets Assn. (June-Chicago, IL). Jim Shafer, RD 1, N-31, E. Stroudsburg, PA 18301

USS Laffey (DD 459) (Apr-Las Vegas, NV). J.M. Curtis, P.O. Box 578, Wauna, WA 98395 (206) 857-4850

USS Makassar Strait (CVE 91) & VC-97 Personnel (Aug-Philadelphia, PA). Edward J. Devlin, 8654 Jackson St., Philadelphia, PA 19136 (215) 338-9687

USS Marblehead (CL 12) (June-Sparks, NV). E.R. "Buzz" Lauridsen, 6243 Rancho Hills Dr., San Diego, CA 92139 (714) 479-1340

USS North Carolina Assn. (June-Wilmington, NC). Alton H. Starling, 10839 Hampton Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32217 (904) 268-3813

USS P.C.E. (R) 851 Original Crew (May-Chicago, IL). Leland E. Cecil, 10641 SW 108th Ave., #1-C, Miami, FL 33176 (305) 271-0401

USS Quiney (CA 39, CA 71) (Sept-Oklahoma City, OK). Albert Levesque, 46 Foster St., Pawtucket, RI 02861

USS Sims, USS Hughes, USS Anderson, USS Hammann, USS Mustin, USS Russell, USS O'Brien, USS Walke, USS Morris, USS Roe, USS Wainwright, USS Buck (June-Bloomington, IN). Harry Emerick, 3011 Stratford Dr., Bloomington, IN 47401

USS South Dakota (BB 57) (July). Raymond J. Kanoff, 1210 N. 12th St., Norfolk, NE 68701 (402) 371-0242

USS Tangier (AV 8) (June-Portland, OR). R.J. Cimmino, 1113 Blakeley Way, The Dalles, OR 97058 (503) 296-3937

USS Wasp (CV 18) (1943-72) (May-Cape May, NJ). Frank E. Goglia, 3 Beverly Ct., Belleville, NJ 07109 (201) 759-3859

USS Westpoint (AP 23) (WWII) (July-Boston, MA). Harold W. Moore, 217 Parker St., East Longmeadow, MA 01028 (413) 525-6066

USS Worthington (PC 1137) (June-Pequot Lakes, MN). Lester M. Tweed, Rte. 2, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472 (218) 568-5875

Air Force

29th Air Service Grp., 13th Air Force (July-Charlotte, NC). Frank Pace, 315 W. 15th St., Dover, OH 44622

318th Fighter Group (June-Colorado Springs, CO). James A. DeYonker 516 Wilson Pike, Brentwood, TN 37027 (615) 373-2739

Coast Guard

USS Callaway (APA 35) (Aug-Harpers Ferry, WV). Wallace E. Shipp, 5319 Manning Pl. NW, Washington, DC 20016 (202) 363-3663

USS Faiglon (DE 324) (Aug-Buffalo, NY). August Meyer, 610 Susan Rd., Oakville, MO 63129 (314) 846-8779

Marines

USS Antietam (CV 36) (1946-48) (July-Cleveland, OH). Robert W. Purser, 425 E. 29th Ave., Lake Station, IN 46405

"E" Co., 28th Marines (WWII) (July-Abilene, TX). Col. D.E. Severance (Ret.), P.O. Box 1972, LaJolla, CA 92038 (714) 459-0607

Miscellaneous

Company 719, CCC Alumni (June-Duluth, MN). John W. Ek, 1215 W. 5th St., Duluth, MN 55806 (218) 722-9292

Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans (Aug-Gatlinburg, TN). E.B. Copeland, 503 W. Jackson Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917 (615) 523-7135

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search for Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers. Please contact CID #____, The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

USS Beagle. Thomas Jerry Artura is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while aboard ship in September 1945, he injured his left leg as he was running to his battle station. Contact CID 713

"Hq." Co., 3d Bn., 66th Arm'd Regt., 2d Arm'd Div. Emeric Steve Kurtz needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed in England in 1943-44, he suffered from severe chills several times. Contact CID 715

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China's Longest March

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Tshushima Strait. Thirty-three of the Czar's 35 battleships were sunk. Japan, once Great Britain's cat's-paw, then claimed empire in her own right. In 1918, Japan threw the Germans out of China's Shantung Province. Simultaneously, when the Czar fell, Japan moved to take over Russia's Maritime Provinces. The U.S. and Britain intervened to save fallen Russia—Japan was getting too powerful.

Japan then wheeled on China. In 1931, Japan seized China's manufacturing heartland, Manchuria. In 1937, Japan blitzed China itself. The Japanese sack of Chinese cities approached the proportions of genocide. Recorded in history as the "Rape of Nanking," this noblest of cities was given the same treatment Hitler gave Warsaw. In 1941, Japan swept on, throwing the British out of Hong Kong and Singapore, the French out of Vietnam, and the U.S. out of the Philippines. Then she crossed the Molucca Straits to hurl the Dutch out of Indonesia.

The U.S. put an end to the Japanese Empire in 1945, but in the process helped set the stage for the rise of Communist China.

Back in January 1943, U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull broadcast to the Americans that his visit with Stalin had been successful—power politics were dead forever—thus he registered the most incredibly nonsensical statement in American history. F.D.R., ill and tired at Yalta, was double-crossed by Stalin. In the West, Stalin occupied Middle Europe and succeeded in paralyzing Germany by cutting it in half. Washington's Far East policy played even more into the hands of the Communists. The U.S. forbade Japan to rearm, making such condition a requisite of the Japanese Constitution. Having disarmed Japan, the U.S. then gave Communist Mao Tse Tung the captured Japanese war arsenal.

The Chinese Communists then inflicted upon the Chinese people a rule harsher than even that of the Japanese. Some 14 million Chinese were put to death. Tibet was captured, occupied and a policy of near-genocide was enforced.

If anything, Chinese Communism is more fanatical than the Russian.

Indeed, this was the cause of their break—Peking believed that the Kremlin wasn't nearly Marxist enough.

In 1962, the Kremlin hurled Russia into the greatest military buildup in history, accelerating even now. Since the historic break between Russia and China, China has insisted that Russia is encircling her. Today, the 46 Russian divisions manning the 4,000 miles of the Sino-Soviet border are superb, among Russia's best. Their nine tank divisions outclass the Chinese in mobility. Further, the extreme eastern Russian flank is well anchored by the 70 major surface combat ships and the 75 modern subs of the Red Pacific Fleet based at Vladivostok.

It was the continuing expansion of the Red Pacific Fleet which finally drove China to frantic attempts to form an alliance of containment with NATO and the U.S. The latest Russian expansion came in the form of complete domination of Vietnam. Under Russian control, Vietnam



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overran Laos and has been hurled against Cambodia, the client state of China. The Cambodians have proved no match for the Russian-armed Vietnamese. The Vietnamese have 200,000 men under arms and a million in reserve. They are by far, the strongest force in Southern Asia. Moreover, they are harassing Thailand, a move which is as much a challenge to the U.S. as to China.

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names have proven quite the equal of the Chinese army. What most deeply disturbs the Chinese, however, is the use by the Red Pacific Fleet of the great U.S. Naval base built at Camranh Bay. Moreover, Soviet strategic rocket sites have been activated in Vietnam, compromising the South China Sea. Thus, China sees itself being encircled north and south by land and eastward by sea.

Seeking an alliance with its ancient enemy, Japan, reflects no sudden burst of confidence on the part of Peking. What it does indicate is a lack of confidence in NATO and the United States' ability to respond adequately to Russia's current challenge in Asia. China thinks it is far later than the West believes; that not only is a global war inevitable, but also that it is in its first stages.

From a strategic standpoint, the Russians are frightened to the point of paranoia of the industrialization of Red China. Russia knows that if Red China achieves a rate of industrialization the equal of her own, it will reverse the Asiatic power structure. Russia's great territory is nearly two-and-a-half times larger than China's. However, nearly all of Russia's industrial strength is west of the Urals. Siberia, confronted by an industrialized Sino-Japanese alliance, would thus become a tremendous military liability for the Russians. For one thing, the Trans-Siberian railroad—Russia's lifeline to the Far East—runs parallel to the Chinese border. As every military man knows, any line of supply which runs parallel to the line of battle is a prelude to catastrophe. Once such a line is cut, the Russian Asiatic armies, a mere 1.5 million strong, would be out at the end of a 3,000-mile limb.

Russia's Pacific Maritime Provinces are sparsely settled, containing less than two million people. Vladivostok, the main Russian base, has a population of less than 600,000. By contrast, surrounding Russia's Maritime Provinces are over a billion highly civilized people who are potential adversaries in any conflict. Immediately surrounding the Maritime Provinces are 300 million northern Chinese and 120 million Japanese. Rearmed, Japan alone

could pluck off Russia's Provinces like a plum. Peking, of course, wants the plum for itself. Peking fears Russia will attack to prevent her from attaining the industrial power she needs to recover her lost territory.

Today, industrially mighty Japan is fully able to industrialize China. Thus, Japan and China are natural trading partners. China has tremendous natural resources—including oil, coal and iron—to pay for her industrialization. Moreover, the billion Chinese are a tremendous work force, traditionally disciplined and hard working, and as a people are the cultural and intellectual equals of any in the world.

Red China already has 4,325,000 men under arms, but they are not mobile. Industrialized, China could field armies of 16 million on wheels, with 60 million more in reserve.

Red China makes no secret of its ultimate aim. It intends to throw Russia out of Asia. Starting in 1954, Red China laid claim to the lands taken from her in the 19th century by Russia.

Very significantly, in 1964, General Mao told a visiting Japanese delegation: "About 100 years ago, the area east of Lake Baikal became Russian territory, and then Vladivostok, Khabarovsk, Kamchatka. Since then, other areas have been added to Soviet territory. China has not yet presented our account for this list. It is time to put an end to this allotment."

The Russians are petrified at the thought of an "accounting" to the Asiatic billions of people on their borders. "Can you imagine," they ask, "Ghenghis Khan sweeping westward—with 300,000 tanks?" They actually have the gall to hint that Russia and the West should unite against the "Yellow Peril."

Beyond the immediate horizon, the industrialization of China means that in the early 21st century, Mother Asia will give birth to a Chinese industrial giant who will stride the Far East, if not the world. Moreover, if 60 centuries of magnificent history mean anything, the industrialized Chinese people may then be able to break the crudest chains which ever bound them—those of the Communist Party of China. But whatever its political system, one of the mightiest states of all time, industrial China, is in late embryo. ■

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American Legion Life Insurance Month Ending November 30, 1980

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Basic Units In Force (Number) 237,469

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(Applicants failed to return health form)

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Commander's Message

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Working within that framework, The American Legion has developed and supported a comprehensive array of Americanism programs which have instilled in and strengthened the patriotic reflexes of three generations of American youth. Since the development of our programs, it has been necessary for those young people to fight three wars. When their country called, they, as their fathers before them, did their duty for God and country. That, too, was Americanism.

Yes, I am an American and I am proud of it. I harbor no fear for America's future because I have seen her past; I have seen her bind her wounds of yesterday; I have seen her turn her eyes toward tomorrow. Despite the dark events of past months, I refuse to measure this great nation by the yardstick of those who condemn our motives, our system of government, and our way of life.

I believe in America and in the principles of Americanism. Because I do—and because I see a revitalization of this belief everywhere I travel—I look to the future with optimism. I am confident that the same spirit which galvanized the will of our Founding Fathers also hardens the resolve of our veterans to fashion an America destined to rise to heights never before achieved.

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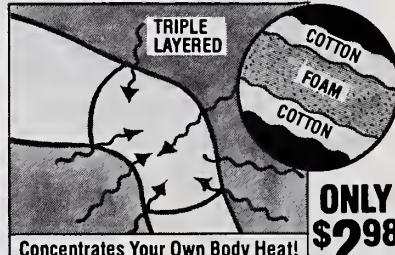
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Troubled Bird

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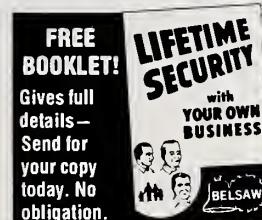
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inches, are made of pure silica fiber coated with a glass-like ceramic. Each was individually—and precisely—fitted by hand to the fuselage and wings, an area comprising 75 percent of the Shuttle's exterior. Its nose cone and leading wing edges were insulated by reinforced carbon-carbon capable of withstanding temperatures of over 3,000°F.

The tiles shed heat so quickly that they can be held barehanded straight out of a 400-degree oven. They come in black and white. The black tiles, about 24,000 of them, can withstand 2,300-degree heat. The almost 6,800 white ones are made to protect against temperatures up to 1,200°F. To provide needed flexibility under extreme aerodynamic stress, the tiles are bonded to felt-like "strain isolator pads" which in turn are cemented to the Shuttle's surface. Narrow "filler bars" of Nomex felt, measured to 1/10,000th of an inch, seal gaps between the tiles.

The trouble developed when it was found many of the tiles could not pass stress and durability tests or did not adhere properly.

To solve the problem, NASA assigned 1,100 of the 10,000 Shuttle employees to what quickly became a "tile factory." It was a monumental, round-the-clock task.

Each faulty tile had to be removed. A plaster mold for a replacement was flown to a plant in Palmdale, CA, which, in turn, fabricated a new tile and flew it back to the Space Center. Before and after installation, each new tile had to pass an exacting series of pull and pressure tests with microphones detecting any sounds of ripping or cracking. Any failure meant the entire, painstaking process had to be repeated.

During some weeks, more tiles were removed than could be put back on. One supervisor suggested, only half in jest, that the paperwork on the tiles alone soon would outweigh the Space Shuttle, by then nicknamed the "flying brickyard."

The scene in the Shuttle's hangar during the crash effort reminded older visitors of aircraft assembly lines and shipyards during World War II. The mood was much the same. Among the swarms of workers scurrying about their jobs were young men and women sporting sweatshirts

labelled "Launch Fever—Catch It!" or "Puzzle People." Calendars were posted showing 1981 ending with March, target date for liftoff. "We're success oriented," said one production official. "We admit to no mistakes—only unforeseen problems!"

Young and Crippen are satisfied that the Shuttle's systems will hold up, including the precious tiles. Although the loss of only one tile in a vulnerable spot could endanger the entire mission, NASA has cancelled plans for the astronauts to carry aboard a "tile repair kit." It may be used on future flights, depending on how *Columbia* performs.

In any event, NASA is now looking into a possible substitute thermal protection system, including one employing sandwich-like layers of stiff-

marshes should future astronauts ever overshoot the Florida runway.

An elaborate grounding system of miles of steel pipe and a forest of fiberglass masts guard the entire assembly and launch complex from being "zapped" by lightning. Exhaustive tests have been conducted to determine possible harmful effects to humans and wildlife resulting from the Shuttle's sonic boom during re-entry. (The boom was found to be "somewhat louder than the bursting of a paper bag several rooms away, but with less effect on the ears than slamming a compact car's door while seated inside.")

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ened metal foil. Meantime, it's taking every human precaution to ensure the success of the Shuttle's inaugural flight.

For example, the rocket boosters' rubber-like solid fuel is being protected from hungry rats; birds are discouraged from nesting in launch equipment. NASA has even looked into the hazards of man-eating crocodiles that might be lurking in nearby

noise of the rockets that might otherwise cause damage.

Whatever its costs and complexity, *Columbia* appears ready to pick up where America's unsurpassed Apollo left off more than a decade ago. Based on future traffic projections of more than 50 Shuttle flights a year, the savings over present unmanned rocket launches could ex-

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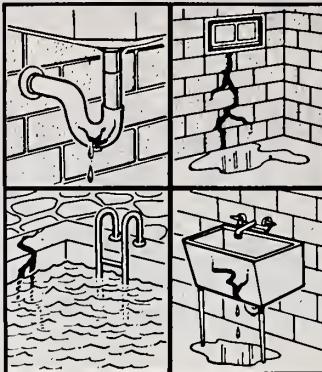
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The Shuttle booking system will operate similar to a charter airline service. To stimulate early use, freight rates have been frozen for the first three years. Later, they will be adjusted annually on the basis of operational experience.

Most of the 68 flights tentatively scheduled through September 1986 have already been booked. Of the more than 270 requests for payload space, some four dozen are from groups in foreign countries, including West Germany, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Denmark, Canada, Japan, Israel and Egypt. Nearly 500 Europeans, one of them an eight-year-old boy, have applied to go into space with the European Spacelab in 1983.



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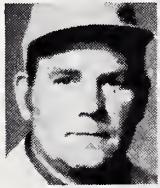
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Young, the mission commander, has been an astronaut for 19 years, serving the past six years as Chief of the Astronaut Office. A former Navy test pilot with 26 years of active military service, Young logged more than 533 hours in four previous space flights, including three days on the moon as Apollo 16 spacecraft commander.

Crippen was recently promoted to the rank of Navy captain. His service includes two-and-a-half years as a pilot aboard the carrier *Independence*. An astronaut since 1969, Crippen was a member of the support team for three Skylab missions and for the Apollo/Soyuz flight in 1975.

In an exclusive interview with *The American Legion Magazine*, both astronauts voiced confidence that, despite past difficulties and delays, their flight in the Shuttle will successfully demonstrate the safe and ready accessibility of space.

Gone is the glamour of Apollo's race to the moon a decade ago. "We're building and flying a 'truck' to do a lot of useful things in space," said Crippen. Yet, the old gung-ho spirit of adventure remains. "Sure, we'll go back to the moon some day," insisted Young, "and beyond."

Other highlights of the interview:
How do you rate the importance of the first Shuttle mission?

Young: "It's a critical milestone which will demonstrate our enormous capability. The Shuttle's cargo bay, for example, is big enough to

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Can the Shuttle restore the enthusiasm for space generated by Apollo?

Crippen: "We'll probably never capture the public's imagination as did the earliest space spectaculars. But once we get to the stage of launching manned missions to the planets, there'll be plenty of excitement again."

When NASA announced new astronaut openings in 1977, more than 13,000 applications poured in. Does this reflect increased enthusiasm among young Americans?

Young: "As head of the astronaut office, I have found a high level of understanding about space among young people. When I was a kid, it was Buck Rogers stuff, but youngsters today see space travel as normal, almost like football or baseball."

Are you satisfied that the Shuttle will be ready for a successful flight this spring?

Crippen: "When the Space Orbiter project was announced nearly a decade ago, initial projections were based on what we knew then. Keeping costs to a minimum was another important factor. Problems encountered since then were not unnatural in an effort of this magnitude and complexity. In solving them, we had to be prudent. We also had to break a lot of new ground. In testing new systems as we went along, some of them came up to bite us like the thermal protection system (tiles). We're confident, however, that once the Shuttle proves itself, Congress and the public will realize how productive space activity can be and that it can more than pay for itself."

What do you foresee as the most exciting and attainable goals?

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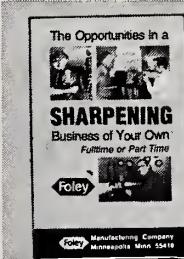
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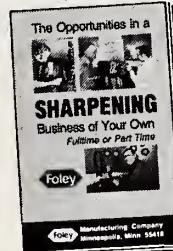
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—GEO. LEVINE

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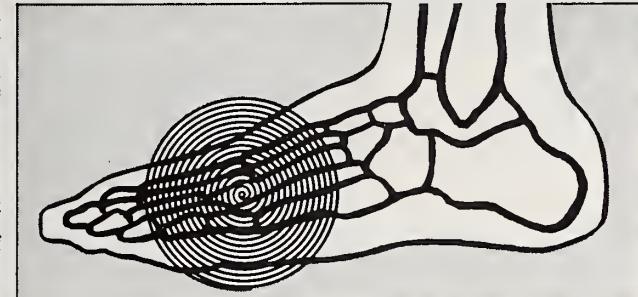
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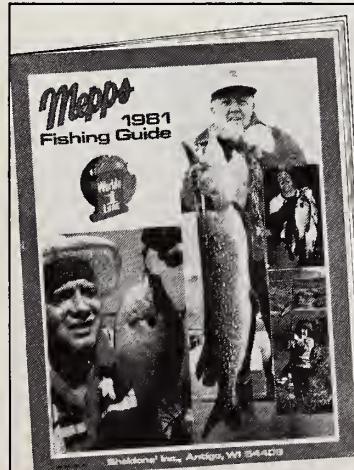
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Challenges of the '80's

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There must also be a close working relationship with the Economic Division to ensure the broadest possible contact. This contact is vital in that new federal policies and procedures may amend existing Legion economic programs. To assist employment chairmen in keeping informed on national matters, the division publishes "Nuggets," a six-times-a-year bulletin on national economic matters, and has recently made available "The American Legion Manual for Employment Chairmen." Both publications provide a wealth of information. Legion officials are also kept up-to-date through the year with Memoranda (for information) and Bulletins (a call for action).

Various federal statutes address the problem of veterans employment. Many of those laws are on the books only because of a continued and dedicated fight by The American Legion. However, what is on the books and what actually happens are two different matters. The government in the past has paid scant legislative attention to the plight of the unemployed veteran, and then only after veterans raised a clamor. More often, those laws tend to inhibit and confuse rather than assist in employment.

Today, victories on the legislative front do not come often; but there is some comfort in the recent enactment of PL 96-466 (Veterans Rehabilitation and Education Amendment of 1980) which elevates the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Veterans Employment within the U.S. Department of Labor to a full Assistant Secretary for Veterans Employment. Hopefully, this new status will provide for direct and important input to the Secretary of Labor on veterans employment issues. Further, that piece of legislation made the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) permanent in nature, which will, in part, be based on The American Legion's highly successful program in Maine. What remains unsettled, however, is how well received advice from the Assistant Secretary for Veterans Employment will be and if there will be implementation of much needed veterans employment reform and programs.

Such employment reform should logically begin with a close look at

CETA. Enacted in 1973, CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) allocates about \$14 billion in funds annually through the Department of Labor to about 478 "prime sponsors" for public service employment and job training. Although veterans were announced as being an important participation population, veteran participation has been very low. The Economic Division is very aware of this problem and is mandated by various economic resolutions to the improvement of veteran participation in CETA.

But what of veterans already employed by the federal government who face employment problems? Do they have rights and privileges; and are they afforded a proper forum in which to air their grievances?

As originally drafted, the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 would have seriously weakened veterans preference in federal employment. But, due to the efforts of The American Legion and others, significant provisions of The Veterans Preference Act of 1944 were kept intact in The Reform Act. In actual practice, however, the Office of Personnel Management has, as the law provides, delegated personnel functions to each federal agency, resulting in a confusing and conflicting morass of procedures. The upshot of this "Gordian knot" of policies and procedures is that veterans, once again, are bearing the burden.

To rectify this situation, the Economic Division is actively seeking legislation to mandate compliance of veterans preference in federal employment. But what is needed, along with legislation, is a firm and total commitment by the Executive branch to accompany this legislation. This commitment, ideally, should not be narrowly drawn, but should be directed at all federal programs, such as the Small Business Administration's six-year failure to implement "special consideration" for veterans.

Because of the change brought by the elections of last November, the future of some veterans' employment programs are unclear at best. In a few instances, the challenge is only beginning. However, the Legion will be in the forefront of any challenge to see that each and every veteran is given the economic opportunity promised by a grateful Nation for his sacrifice. ■



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Le Diable Rouge

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pensate for poor marksmanship and invented aerial maneuvers, including the famous Immelmann turn. Udet, another aristocrat who shot down 62 planes, flew a distinctive red- and white-striped Fokker with "No, not you!" painted on its tail.

This group shined in the Battle of the Somme in August 1916, where von Richthofen registered his initial kill. He promptly went out to buy the first of his silver trophy cups.

When Boelcke was killed in an accident that October, the other squadron members, led by von Richthofen, set out to avenge their teacher's death.

In November, these fliers shot down 21 British planes in some of

curiosity about death. He dwelled on his kills.

In the latter part of 1917 and early 1918, he worked to perfect what became known as the "Boelcke Dicta." It amounted to massing a superior number of planes to gang up on isolated or outnumbered enemy pilots. To gun down his prey, the baron would attack under the cover of his pack. This added new victory cups to his impressive trophy shelf with little danger to himself, but displeased his low-scoring companions.

Von Richthofen still had a reckless streak, however, which ultimately cost him his life. All the fliers—including the baron—had maps show-



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the war's bloodiest air battles. The "gentlemen's war" was ebbing and the Red Baron's trophies began multiplying. He got his own squadron in December 1916, which he nicknamed the "Flying Circus." Von Richthofen was the ringmaster. In the cockpit he was as reckless as any of the young hellions skimming the clouds over France and Germany.

Once out of the cockpit, however, the Red Baron withdrew into a shell. He didn't mix and seldom participated in victory celebrations after an enemy plane was dropped from the sky. While his more lively compatriots crowded all the carousing and wenching they could into the short hours between flights, reasoning that death could join them in the cockpit anytime, the baron acquired a morbid

ing heavily controlled enemy areas they were to avoid. Von Richthofen ignored them on his final flight.

On April 21, 1918, the day after he posted his 79th and 80th kills, he flew into a sector protected by Australian antiaircraft weapons. He was shot down. Australian gunners claimed they killed the Red Baron. So did a Canadian flier, Capt. Arthur Brown, who contended he brought him down after an aerial dogfight. Most modern history books give Brown the credit.

Von Richthofen actually landed his plane safely, but was found slumped over in his seat, dead. A controversy continued for years over whether he was killed by ground or air fire. More than 60 years later the squabbles are insignificant—the Red Baron has outlived them all. ■

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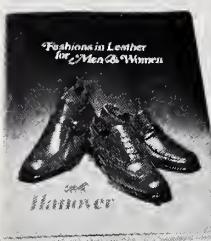
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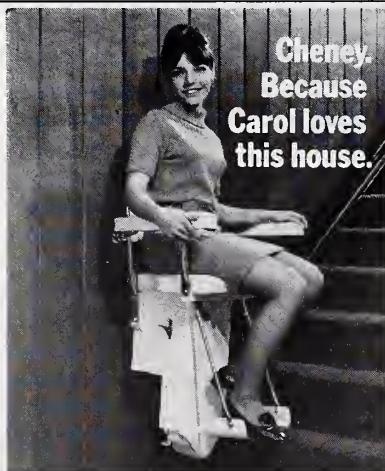
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Tactic #4: If you are hospitalized, scrutinize the bill very carefully for mistakes. Hospitals make billing errors and you may discover discrepancies on the itemized statement you will receive. If you find a mistake, complain about it courteously, but firmly, to the hospital business office. You may have good health insurance coverage, but your policy will generally require you to pay 15 to 20 percent of the bill. If you are successful in having \$100 in charges deleted, you will save \$15 or \$20 for yourself as well. .

There may be another medical solution to your problem that is neither so drastic nor so costly. If you can forego a nonessential surgery, you will save hundreds, maybe thousands, of dollars.

Tactic #7: If surgery is indicated, try to have it on an outpatient basis. Surprisingly, more than 100 surgical procedures can be performed in one-day surgeries. Most major cities have hospitals that operate ambulatory facilities where the patient can be treated, observed for several hours after the operation and then discharged the same day. The costs are often 40 to 60 percent less than inpatient charges.

Tactic #8: If you are planning a family, shop for maternity services carefully. Most hospitals are beginning to operate their maternity



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Tactic #9: Concentrate any elective medical procedures toward the end of the year. If you have been meaning to have that mole removed, do it as a Christmas present to yourself. Most likely other medical expenses will have caused you to

meet your deductible on your health insurance by year's end. Hence, you will pay only a fraction of the total bill for any additional health care. If you wait until after the new year, you will be subject to the deductible amount again.

Tactic #10: Don't buy too much health insurance. Adequate coverage is a must, but you can also become "insurance poor" by purchasing too many riders to your policy. For instance, if you have good major medical coverage, an additional policy for cancer protection is probably not a good buy.

Tactic #11: Look into joining a health maintenance organization (HMO). In lieu of buying health insurance you may fare better by becoming a member of an HMO. You will pay a monthly premium as with health insurance, but you will be charged only nominal fees for office visits and hospitalization.

Dollar for dollar the benefits will be better in the HMO. However, be sure to thoroughly check out the track record of the organization before deciding to join. Some HMO's don't have all the bugs worked out yet.

Tactic #12: Search for bargains in prescription drugs. Just because your favorite druggist has the best prices in over-the-counter medications doesn't mean his prescription drug prices are low, too. Spend a few minutes on the phone checking prices with pharmacies in your neighborhood. You can save many dollars each year with this simple technique.

Tactic #13: Keep a mileage log book of all trips for health care. This includes not only travel to and from the doctor's office, but also trips to the dentist and pharmacy as well. If you itemize your tax return, you can deduct all mileage related to receiving medical care.

Some of these techniques are not going to win you friends in the health care business. However, if you don't mind gently rocking the boat, you can save money on medical costs every year. Sometimes those savings will be very substantial.

Realistically, shouldn't we view health care as we do any other personal expense? We should be trying to get good care at the very best price we can. If all of us took this approach, we would hasten some much needed changes in the health care system. ■



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The Farm

• Re the article "Back To The Farm: An Impossible Dream?" (October), Cordell Tindall is no doubt knowledgeable about farming, but I dispute strongly his opinion when he states that "rural America has enjoyed better than a four percent increase in population." I assure you we have not *enjoyed* it—such farm types are trying to get their families away from the problems of the city, but instead they are bringing the problems with them!

SYD WARNE
Sugar Grove, IL

Other

• This is a rather late response, but I must send my thanks to The American Legion Magazine for David Casserly's article "An Apple A Day Keeps The Doctor Away," (March 1980). It probably saved my life. I had eaten apple seeds for years. Since reading the article and no longer ingesting such fare, some symptoms I was having have disappeared, for which I am most grateful. One of the main reasons I urge my husband to keep up his Legion membership is to receive this excellent magazine monthly.

LOLA COLE
Page, AZ

Legislative

• I wish that every veteran could read "Capitol Hill's 'New Sense of Reality'" by E. Philip Riggan and Paul S. Egan, (December). These young legislative professionals are right on target in their analysis of the attitudinal changes taking place in the Congress and throughout the country. They demonstrate once again that the Legion's Legislative Division is in step with the changing times.

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Standard Bearers

• Thanks for Max Rafferty's excellent and informative article "The Inseparable Standard Bearers" (November). It was a formidable research job together with future predictions for the military and educational fields.

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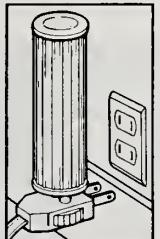
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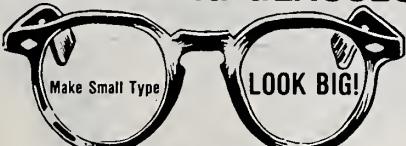
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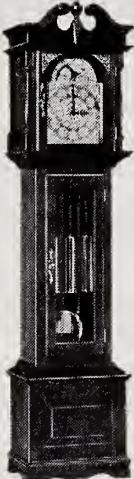
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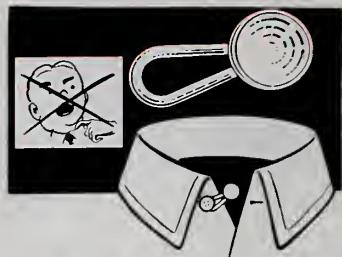
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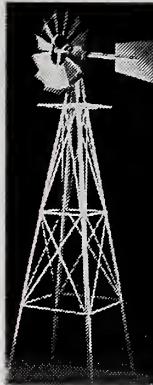
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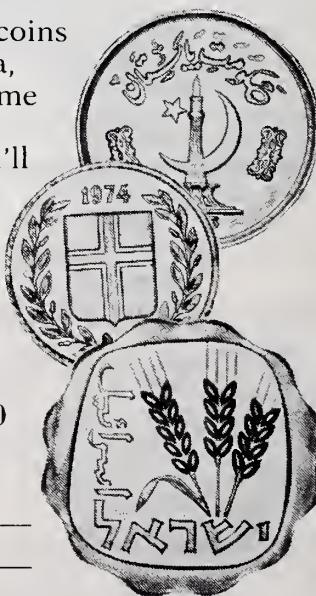
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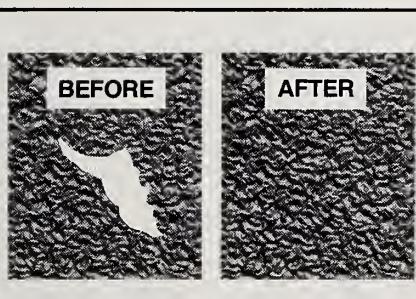
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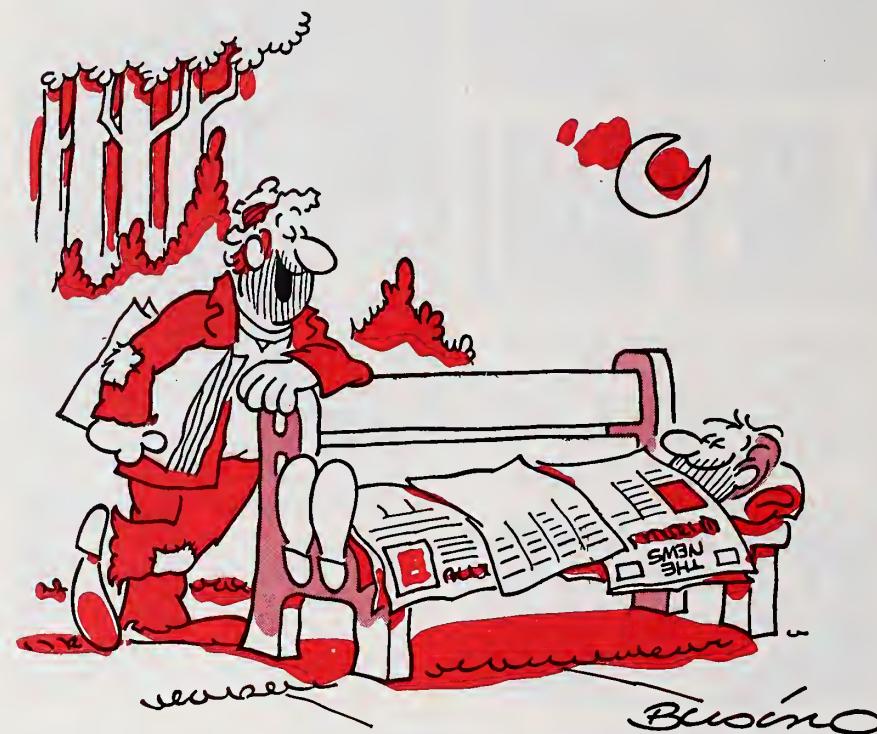
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—DOROTHEA KENT

Simple Solution

The professor concluding a lecture on the harmful effects of alcohol said, "I have here two glasses, one filled with water, the other with alcohol. I will now place a worm in each glass. Notice the worm in the water squirms and vibrates with the spark of life, while the worm in the alcohol writhes in agony and dies. Now, what is the moral of this story?"

A student replied: "If you don't want worms, drink alcohol."

—MICHAEL FISK

So many politicians are talking about "turning this country around," it's hard to remember in which direction we're headed.

—LOUISE MARTY

Success comes in cans, failure in can'ts.

—MARTHA BECKMAN

Fail Safe?

The rookie paratrooper asked for a transfer. "How come," asked the sergeant.

"I just don't like parachute jumping," answered the rookie.

"But why?" persisted the sergeant.

"Well," answered the recruit, "I guess I don't like to practice anything where I have to be perfect the first time."

—JOHN DALEY

Safe Slot

An airliner flying into a violent thunderstorm was swaying and bumping around the sky. A nervous lady seated next to a clergyman turned to him for comfort and asked pleadingly, "Can't you do something?"

"I'm sorry, madam," said the cleric gently, "I'm in sales, not management."

—MAXINE MORRISSEY

Bare Facts

Though Adam made no bones about His feelings toward fair Eve,
He couldn't wear, it's obvious,
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—ROSEMARIE WILLIAMSON

Nowadays when it comes to shocking reading matter, you just can't beat a price tag.

—DAVID BISSONETTE

The church bulletin board gave notice of the "Little Mothers Club" adding, "Any-one interested in becoming a Little Mother, please meet the pastor in his study."

—GEORGE E. BERGMAN

A Russian premier was asked by a reporter if he objected to the jokes that were being told about him. "Not at all," replied the official.

"How many have you heard?" the reporter asked.

"I'd say enough to fill three or four labor camps," snapped the Russian.

—MATTHEW DANIEL

Fishing License?

"I'm sorry, but you can't come in here," St. Peter explained to the anxious arrival. "You've told too many lies on earth. Out!"

"Oh, come on, St. Peter," the man begged, "be a good sport. After all, you were a fisherman once yourself."

—CHARLES FOWLER

The driver went through a red light, up a one-way street going the wrong way, jumped the curb and came to a stop in the center of a street lamp. The officer was polite but firm: "I'll have to see your license, please."

"Don't be ridiculous," the driver answered. "Who'd give me a license?"

—DAVID DOUGLAS

"Why are you crying, little girl?" asked the concerned gentleman. Rubbing her posterior as she sobbed, the girl replied, "Mom lost her psychology book and now she is thinking for herself."

—JAMES ATWATER

Drive-in Banks: Where cars can meet their real owners.

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"How many apostles are there in the metric system?"

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